

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

8:45 & 11:00am



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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### Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in his name.*

## Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## Reminders for Worship

- Masks are recommended but not required.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

**Prayer List:** Just a reminder that the Sunday prayer list will be updated at the end of the quarter. On Sunday, April 2, the list will be comprised of only the names submitted or updated in March.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 & 11:00am

*During Lent, we dedicate ourselves to self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting, self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word (BCP, pg. 265).*

*To aid us in this work, we will not have prelude or postlude music for our services. We invite you to a time of quiet prayer before we begin and after we end worship.*

*If, however, we sacrifice hospitality and warmth on the altar of our devotions, then we miss the invitation to a holy Lent indeed.*

## Welcome & Announcements

Fr. Ian Williams

## ENTRANCE HYMN: No. 457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone

*St. James*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The hymn consists of two systems of music, each with four lines of lyrics. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON, THREEFOLD

H. WILLAN, 1928

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, . . have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay

sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130**

*De profundis*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

### GRADUAL HYMN: No. 511 Holy Spirit, ever living

*Abbot's Leigh*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with two lines of text. The first system of lyrics is: "1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's" and "2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's". The second system of lyrics is: "ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing" and "min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,". The music consists of a series of chords and moving lines, with some notes marked with accents or slurs.

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

**The Gospel:** John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that

they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Fr. Ian Williams

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Joanne, Dottie, Tom and Anna, Gene, Belle, Dana, Jim, Patsy, Jan, Emily, John, Mary, Martha, Christopher, Marge, Anna, Hal, Ashley, Betsy, Joyce, Philip, Virginia, Jasmine, Loretta, Sister Sarah, Renee, Sean, and those we name before you now.

*The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant introduces the confession and invites the people to kneel.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## The Exchange of Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** 8:45 Prelude on "Adoro devote"      Gerald Near

11:00 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart      Robert J. Powell  
Text attributed to George Croly

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All thine own, heart and strength and mind;  
I see Thy cross there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
Teach me to love as thine angels love, one holy passion, filling all my frame;  
teach me to love Thee, as thine angels love, make my heart an altar, and Thy love a flame.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow      *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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 I

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

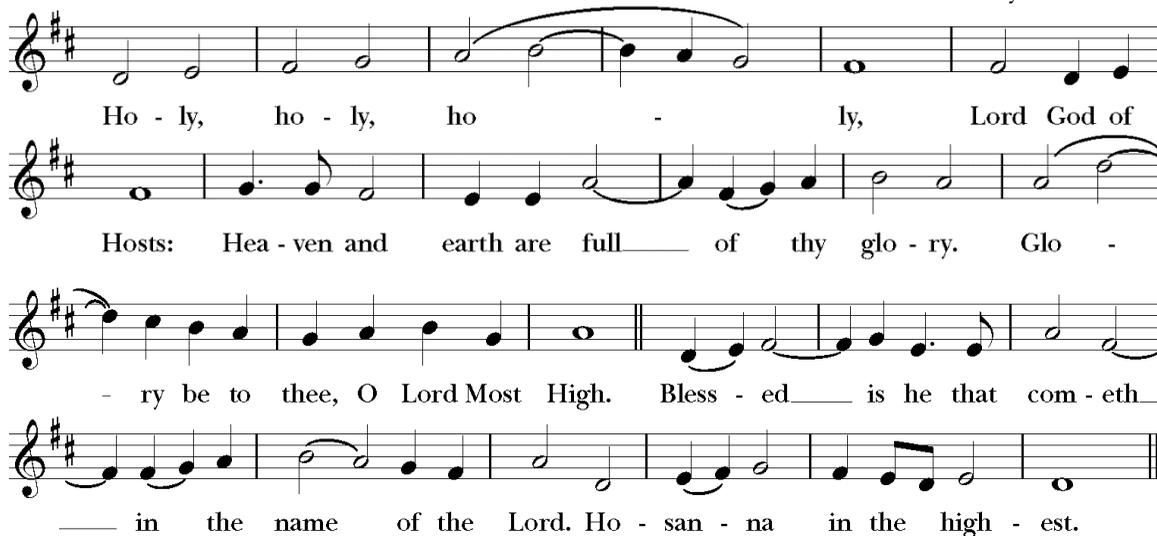
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

Hymnal 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

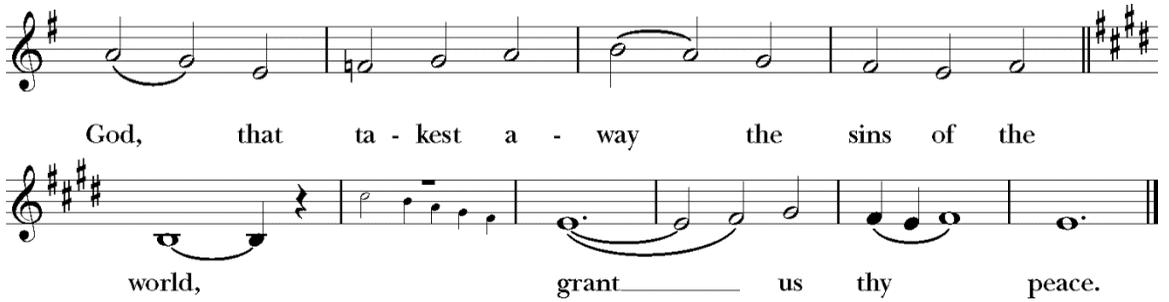
*The Agnus Dei is said at 8:45 and sung at 11:00. Music for the sung version follows the text.*

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.

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.

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. All are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able. If you would rather not receive Communion, you are invited to still come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to indicate for the priest to bless you.*

*If you are receiving Communion, please do one of three things when you kneel: 1.) Most traditionally, place one hand in the palm of the other and receive the Body of Christ which you consume immediately. When the chalice comes around, guide it to your lips and drink directly from the chalice. 2.) To receive Communion in one kind (the bread alone), simply receive the bread as described above and when the chalice comes around, cross both arms over your chest. 3.) If you would like to practice intinction, upon arriving at the altar rail, place one arm diagonally across your chest until the priest notices your preference, then put one hand in the palm of the other to receive Communion. The priest will intinct for you and then place the Body and Blood of Christ in the palm of your hands. A gluten-free option is available upon request.*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

**Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
 Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*Celebrant and 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 Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel, and the Deacon says*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL HYMN:** No. 147 Now let us all with one accord

*Bourbon*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*During Lent, we invite those who would like to remain in the church for quiet prayer to do so. Please see the note at the beginning of the service for more information.*







**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Joanne Adams, Dottie Dalzell, Tom and Anna Joiner, Gene Banks, Belle and Dana Welk, Jim Chestnut, Patsy Boehmer, Jan Knapp, Emily Everhope, John Flowers, Mary McCarty, Martha Stevenson, Christopher Carlson, Marge Smith, Anna Kinsey, Hal Reid, Betsy Thagard, Ashley Schimmel, Joyce Beschta, Philip Brown, Virginia Rehn, Jasmine Pharr, Loretta Orentas, Sr. Sarah Smedman, OSB, Renee, and Sean Schofield.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Homebound Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Margaret Barker, Katherine Gee, Michelle Geiser, Lori Griswold, E.R. Haire, Mary McCarty, and Dick Zecher.

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

	<b>March 26, 2023</b>		<b>April 2, 2023</b>	
	<b>8:45</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>8:45</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	John & Margaret Barker	E.R. Haire, Jr.		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sandra Jeffery	Abby Stephens		
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Jodi Sundeen	Hilton Swing Tom Savage	George Grzenda Clint Adams	Bettie Orr John Hayes
<b>Greeters</b>	Lynne Miller Judy Petersen	Patty Vint	Lois Karcher Lynne Miller	Anna Kinsey
<b>Cart Driver</b>	Marlin Sanders	Jason Blackwell	Steve Hutcherson	Nancy Cooper
<b>Videography</b>	N/A	Tom Griswold	Eduard Wiescholek	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Sims Lynne Miller Gibson Sims ( <i>Brass</i> )	Susan Gibbs Lisa Wills		
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	David Dethero		Dick Zecher	
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Lynn Wiescholek		E.R. Haire, Jr.	
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Carol Sims		Galen Reuther	



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Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

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