

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

THE GATHERING

Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.

As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, there will be no organ prelude this morning. We begin in silence, preparing our hearts for the journey ahead. All rise at the sound of the bell.

The Great Litany (from Enriching Our Worship)

I.



Cantor: Holy God, creator of heaven and earth, *All:* **Have mer - cy on us.**

Cantor Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

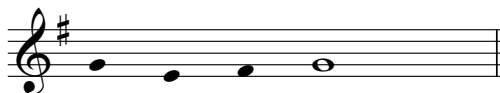
People **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People **Have mercy on us.**

II.

Cantor From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



Sa - vior, de - liver us.

Cantor From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
People **Savior deliver us.**
Cantor By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
People **Savior deliver us.**
Cantor By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
People **Savior deliver us.**

III.

Cantor Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Hear us, O Christ.

Cantor Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Enlighten your bishops, priests and ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**

V.

Cantor Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
Cantor Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

VI.

Cantor Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Opening Acclamation, *standing*

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Collect of the Day, *standing*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

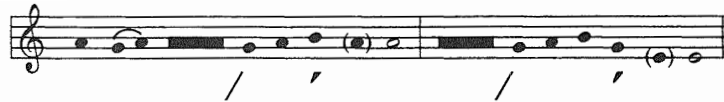
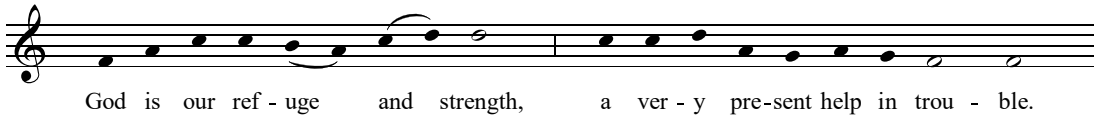
The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A cantor sings the antiphon at the beginning, then the congregation and choir immediately repeat it, singing it again where indicated; a cantor sings the verses to plainchant.



- 1 *He whö dwells in the shelter / of the Móst High, **
abides under the shadow / of the Almíghty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
“You are my refuge / and my stróngthold, *
my God / in whom I pút my trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the / LORD your réfuge, *
and the Most High / your habitátion,
- 10 There shall no evil hap/pen to yóu, *
neither shall any plague / come near your dwélling.
- 11 For he shall give his an/gels charge óver you, *
to / keep you in áll your ways.

Antiphon

- 12 They shall / bear you ín their hands, *
lest you dash / your foot agáinst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the li/on and ádder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the ser/pent under yóur feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will / I delíver him; *
I will protect him, / because he knóws my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and / I will ánswer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and / bring him to hónor.
- 16 With long life will I sat/isfy him, *
and show / him my salvátion.

Antiphon

The Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

"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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 150, standing

Forty days and forty nights

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13, standing

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Presider The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Wilbert "Wilk" Miller

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, *standing*

**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 worshipped 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 Peace, *all standing*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements, *you may be seated*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem Give Me Jesus

H. Hopson

*Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest—give me Jesus.
When I lose my way, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest—give me Jesus.
When I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest—give me Jesus.
When I want to sing, when my heart and voice cry out, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest—give me Jesus.*

Presentation, standing

The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

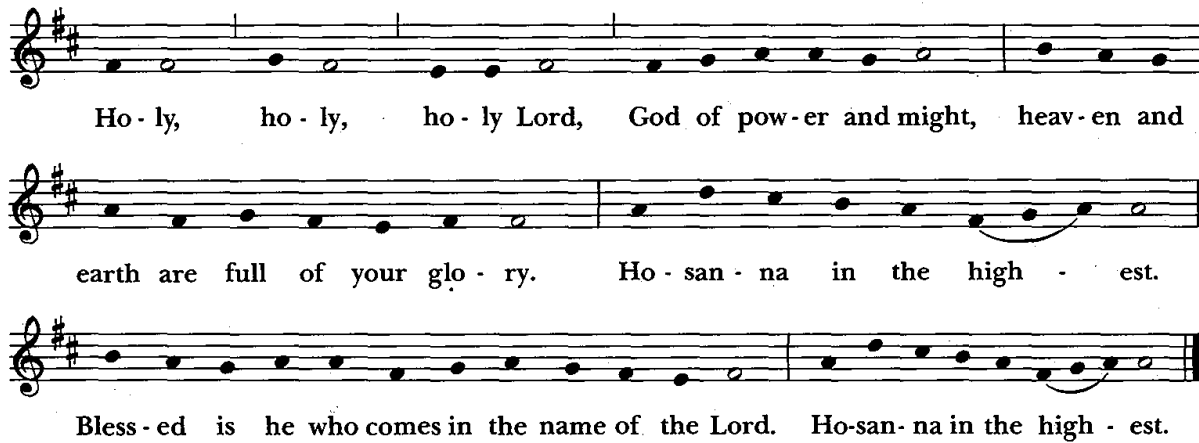
Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or be seated, as the Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

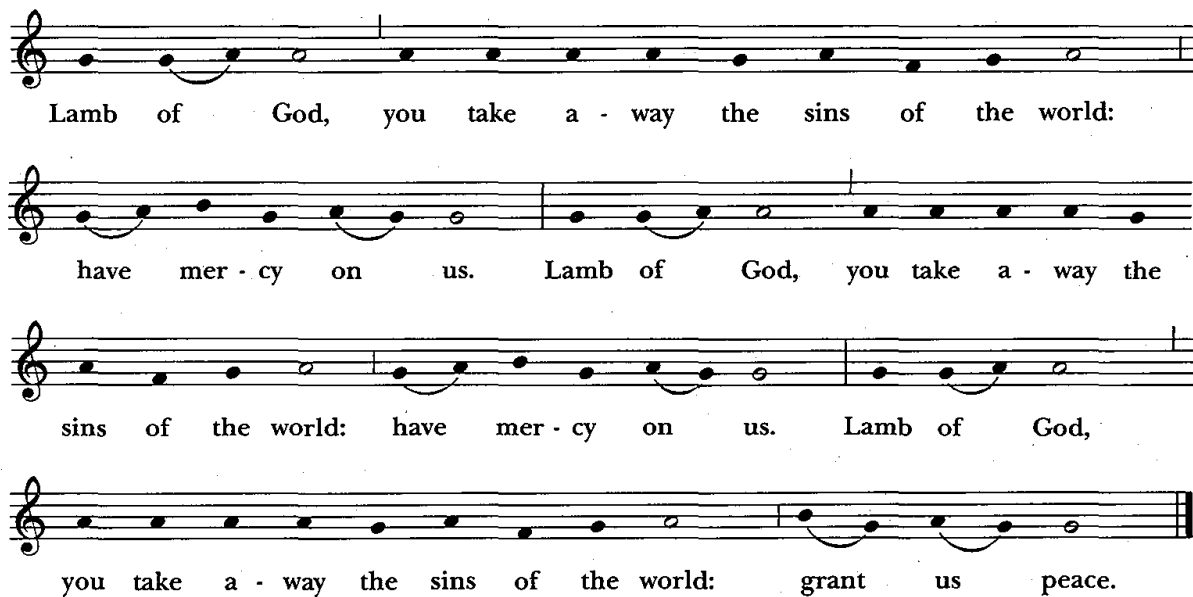
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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

Fraction Anthem S-161

D. Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.
All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Hymn 147

Now let us all with one accord

BOURBON

Prayer after Communion, *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

**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.**

The Blessing, *standing*

Hymn 142, *standing* Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

As we go forth, we set aside the word "Alleluia" until Easter Day, embracing this season of reflection and renewal.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccatta in a minor

J. P. Sweelinck

Coffee Hour

You are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Hall for coffee right after the service.

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**WORSHIP**

SUNDAYS | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

TUESDAYS | Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS | Midweek Holy Eucharist — 12:00 p.m.

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