

Welcome to St. John's Church



The First Sunday in Lent *March 1st, 2020*

We are delighted that you have decided to worship with us this morning. We know that you have other choices on Sunday mornings. We pray that you will find in us a warm and welcoming group of Christians who seek to serve God in Christ Jesus in this place.

Thank you for blessing us with your presence this morning.

Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

LENT: Liturgical practices change during the Season of Lent in a variety of ways, to reflect the theme of repentance and the focus on Christ's redeeming passion and death. For instance, the opening acclamation is different, viz. "Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins . . ." and "Alleluias" are omitted. At St. John's, we will use Rite I throughout the season, including the longer, more somber Eucharistic Prayer I. We will chant the Great Litany on the First Sunday in Lent, and use the Rite I Prayers of the People on the others, along with the longer introduction to Confession, and The Prayer of Humble Access before Communion. The priest will be dressed differently, wearing simpler garb, a cassock, surplice and purple stole, and will not chant the Sursum Corda or Preface. The Agnus Dei will become our seasonal Fraction Anthem, while the silver vessels on the altar will be replaced with a ceramic chalice and paten, and unpolished bronze candlesticks. Sanctus bells will be introduced, and Stations of the Cross will be placed on the nave walls. Finally in lieu of a priest's blessing at the end of the service, a Solemn Prayer over the People will be said, all as we make our way as a congregation to glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Upcoming Christian Education Events

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: "The Life of Jesus"

Sundays in Lent at both 8:00 and 10:00 am Services

The Priest-in-Charge will be preaching a seven-part sermon series on the life of Jesus this Lent --- using his extensive historical studies at Oxford to guide us in drawing a clearer picture of the rabbi from Galilee --- relying upon the Scriptures and other contemporary sources, rather than Hollywood or later traditions.

Sunday, March 1st

"a man from Nazareth"

Sunday, March 8th

"a disciple of John"

Sunday, March 15th

"a worker of wonders"

Sunday, March 22nd

"a teacher with authority"

Sunday, March 29th

"the one sent from God"

Palm Sunday, April 5th

"the suffering servant"

Easter Sunday, April 12th

"the Resurrected One"

CHRIST IN CRISIS: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus

Friday Mornings, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Parish Library

Fr. Hahneman, our Priest-in-Charge, is leading an Adult Class reading Jim Wallis' new book about the Reclaiming Jesus Movement. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote the foreword. For more information, see the Priest-in-Charge.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES "The History of Christianity", a six part series

Saturdays in Lent at 11:00 am in the Parish Library

A History of Christianity, a six part series presented by Oxford history professor whose books about the Reformation have been acclaimed as masterpieces. Intelligent, thought-provoking and magisterial in its scope, the series will uncover how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became the biggest religion in the world.

March 7th:

"Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome"

March 14th:

"Orthodoxy - From Empire to Empire"

March 21st:

"Reformation: The Individual Before God"

March 28th:

"Protestantism - The Evangelical Explosion"

April 4th:

"God in the Dock"

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Order of Worship

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God during this morning's services. Page numbers (BCP) in the bulletin refer to The Book of Common Prayer (red book), which are located in the pews. Hymn numbers in this bulletin, and on the hymn board, refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue book). Service Music (S- followed by a number) is found in the front half of the Hymnal and hymns in the second half. Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

PRELUDE

Three Lenten Hymns

(1940)

Elevation

Dom Paul Benoit (1893-1979)

Music by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THE GREAT LITANY (*Refer to Booklet in your pew*)

THE COLLECT

BCP, p. 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS [2:15-17; 3:1-7]

In the Hebrew Bible we hear the story of the creation of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden and their disobedience and consequent loss of innocence. Tempted by the serpent, first the woman and then the man eat from the forbidden tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story expresses the understanding that human beings are the crown of God's creation, and yet there is something tragically wrong with them. From later Christian perspective, however, this transgression is seen as part of God's greater plan for the maturity and salvation of humanity. The free choice of disobedience and the learning of good and evil will, through redemption, make possible a more profound relationship with God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation is invited to join in chanting the psalm.



Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS [5:12-19]

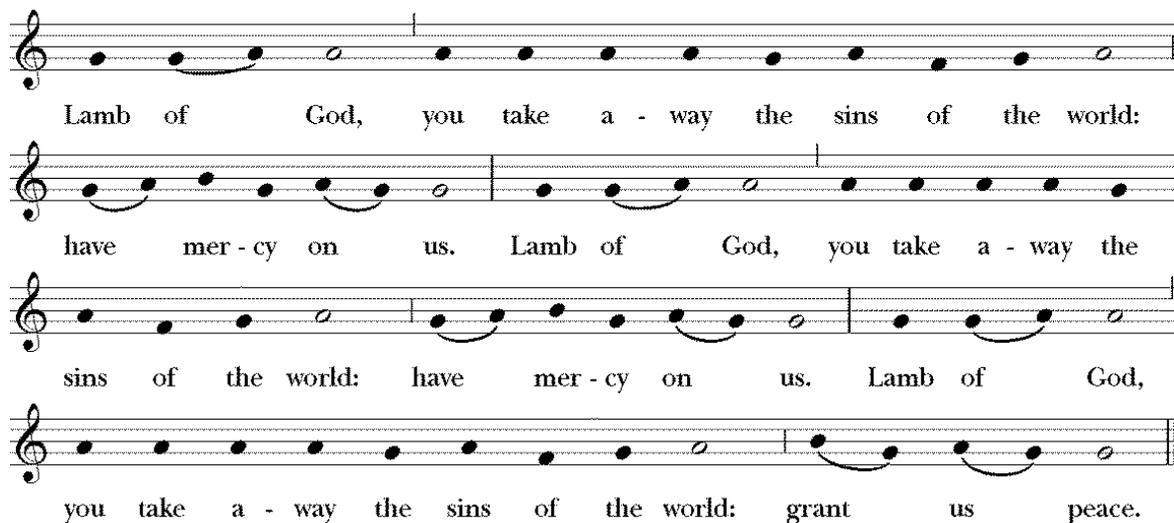
In this lesson Paul tells how the history of human sinfulness and death has been transformed by the free gift of Jesus Christ. The act of disobedience of the one person, Adam, began the reign of sin and death. This was later compounded by the role of the law which, by instructing people not to sin, actually caused trespassing to abound. But now the righteousness and obedience of the one man Jesus Christ means acquittal and new life for all.

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People Thanks be to God.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S160



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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP, p 339

THE INVITATION

*All Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive Communion,
If you do not wish Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
by crossing your arms over your chest at the Altar Rail.
If you wish Communion brought to you at your seat, please notify a greeter.*

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION *And now, O Father, mindful of the love* HYMNAL 337

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP, p. 339

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

HYMN AT THE RECESSION *Forty days and forty nights* HYMNAL 150

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *March from Occasional Oratorio* Handel

*Please join us in the Parish House following the 10 am service
for refreshments and fellowship.*

Introduction of Sanctus Bells

The practice of ringing bells at Christian Services is based upon the use of tiny bells that were a part of ancient Judaic worship, for example, Psalm 150:5 “*Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*” The use of bells in the Church dates back to the fifth century when St. Paulinus, the Bishop of Nola, introduced them as a means to summon monks to worship. In the seventh century Pope Sabinianus approved the use of bells to call the faithful to the Eucharist. By the ninth century the use of bells had spread to even the small parish churches of the Western Empire.

It wasn't until the thirteenth century that outdoor tower bells began to be rung as “sanctus bells” during the Mass, so named because they were first rung during the singing of the Sanctus. A close look at many of these older bell towers will often reveal a series of sighting holes (and sometimes mirrors) that were once used by bell-ringers to monitor the celebration of the Eucharist from bell-lofts. These tower bells were rung at the consecration to give notice to those unable to attend the Service (*e.g.* the sick, slaves, outside guards) when the consecration was taking place inside the church building. The voice of the bell would allow people to stop what they were doing to offer an act of adoration to God and participate in the Service in some way. Additionally, the bells provided the ancillary benefit of focusing (or re-focusing) the attention of the faithful inside the church to the prayer of consecration that was taking place at the altar.

Nearly 350 years after the introduction of the sanctus bells to the liturgy, the Council of Trent (1545-1563) formally mandated their use during the celebration of the Mass for the Roman Catholic Church. Then the ringing of sanctus bells was made optional four hundred years later by Pope Paul VI in 1969. In the Anglican Tradition, the practice of ringing of sanctus bells has varied from place to place, and from time to time. St. John's is “trying them on” for Lent so as to contrast their sound with the greater silences and unsung portions of our Sunday Services during this season. Please let the Priest-in-Charge know of your reactions.

Holy Week @ St. John's

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5th at 10.00 am

With the Liturgy of the Palms &
Chanting of the Passion

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Thursday, April 9th at 7:00pm

With the Washing of Feet and the
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Chanted Lenten Meditation

Friday, April 10th at 12 noon

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

With The Solemn Collects and the
Veneration of the Cross

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 11th at 7:00 PM

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Easter Sunday Morning

Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 am

Festive Solemn High Mass
Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

A **RESTROOM** is located at the bottom of the stairs in the Church undercroft. In the Parish House, there is a unisex restroom adjacent to the Choirmaster's office that is more handicapped accessible and Men's and Women's restrooms across from the kitchen next to the Parish Office.

ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

Celebrant	Fr. Geoff Hahneman
Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
Organist	Jon Lafleur
Lectors	John Magee (8am) Richard Thompson & Marlene Smith (10am)
Eucharistic Minister	MB Witt
Acolyte	Laura Daly
Crucifer	Bob Futh
Altar Guild	MB Witt (8am) Caroline & Richard Thompson (10am)
Greeter	Charles Dubow
Coffee Hour Hosts	Veronique Dulack & Sarah Lee Martin

Staff

	Priest-in-Charge	The Reverend Dr. Geoff Hahneman (Oxon)
	Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
	Parish Administrator	Sarah Eyre
	Foundation Administrator	Joan Burgess

Vestry

	Warden	David Gillespie
	Warden	Susan McFeely
	Clerk	Joan Beattie
	Treasurer	Larry Littlefield
	Assistant Treasurer	Hunter Brown

Class of 2020
 Rebecca Lambert
 Darcy Campbell
 Charles Dubow

Class of 2021
 Robert Futh
 Larry Littlefield
 MB Witt

Class of 2022
 Sara Coles
 Mary Davis
 Andris Kalnins

Office Hours and Emergencies

The Parish Office is OPEN Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. If you have a pastoral issue, please call the Parish Administrator who will arrange for someone to meet your needs.

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