



The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00am

Masks, covering mouth and nose, must be worn at all times during this service.

Prelude

A Penitential Order: Rite One

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgiveth all our sins

People His mercy endureth forever.

The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Absolution

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson Genesis 9.8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord/*Thanks be to God.*

Reflective Silence

The Gradual Psalm 25.1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Reflective Silence

The Epistle I Peter 3.18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Reflective Silence

The Gospel Mark 1.9-15

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Reflective Silence

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Lord, in your mercy / *Hear our prayer*

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.*

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.*

Note on Communion: Please keep your mask on as you come forward to receive Communion. An usher will send worshipers forward by household. Remain at least six feet distant from those ahead of you. Receive the consecrated bread in your hands, stretched out as far as possible toward the priest, and hold it in your hands as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Once seated, briefly remove your mask, consume the consecrated bread, and replace your mask.

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Solemn Prayer & Dismissal

Postlude



Welcome to St. John's! It is a blessing to be together in the worship of God, either online or in our outdoor service. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Holly Godwin with the Newcomer Committee at holly.harring@gmail.com. You can also contact the Rev. Nicholas Beasley at atmb@stjohnscolumbia.org or the Rev. Scott Fleischer at srf@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Our Worship Today

Today's gospel lesson centers on Jesus' 40 day journey into the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan. There are two very different things going on here. On the one hand, Jesus withdraws from the world to the solitude of the wilderness. On the other hand, we see his active engagement with it, as he is tempted by Satan. Jesus' example shows us the necessity for both. It is only when we withdraw from the world that we'll be able to have the wisdom, the clarity, and the power required to do confront temptation in our lives, and evil in the world around us.

Cantor: Patrick Rosenfeld (9:30), Jerryana Williams-Biblioni (10:30).

The altar arrangements are given in thanksgiving for God's grace and for the healing prayers offered up by St. John's, family, and friends, by Margaret Cain.

Those participating in Sunday's worship:

Lectors: Bill Eccles (8:00), Sam Fleischer (9:30), Stacy McCloghry (10:30)

Ushers: Smith Richardson (9:30), Nick Sherrer, Brandon Templeton, Chris Turnipseed (10:30)

Greeter: Brock Dillard, Jessica Lovelace, Charlie Sterne

Altar Flowers: Kaye Knight

Family Ministries

Pre-YC starts Today!

Pre-YC is a formation and fellowship opportunity for third through fifth graders. We'll play games and have conversation, much like EYC. Join us at 3 pm on the patio. Please shoot Maggie a text to let her know that your child will be there at 662-801-4341. We will need one adult volunteer, so let her know if you can stay as well.

High School Bible Study in Lent

9th-12th graders, join me on Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 pm for a Bible Study and devotional, "Where Your Heart Is..." Starting next Wednesday, February 24, we will discuss treasure, both physical and spiritual. This group will meet in the parlor, and you are welcome to join us via a Zoom link, instead! Just email me at mcm@stjohnscolumbia.org for that link.

Children's Wednesday in Lent! Join us for games and conversations during lent from 5-5:45 pm, February 24 – March 31.

Parents of infants up to three year olds: Maggie sent you an email on Thursday, and she needs your feedback as we look into programming and restart dates. Thank you! If you have a child in this age group and did not receive an email, reach out to Maggie at mcm@stjohnscolumbia.org.

6th-12th graders, join Maggie over Zoom for a Lenten craft and conversation Sunday night at 6:30 pm. Come pick up craft supplies on Sunday. Join the Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81014113528>

View this week's Youth newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/959fbf384955/youth-update-week-of-10021204?e=3f1ff183fd>

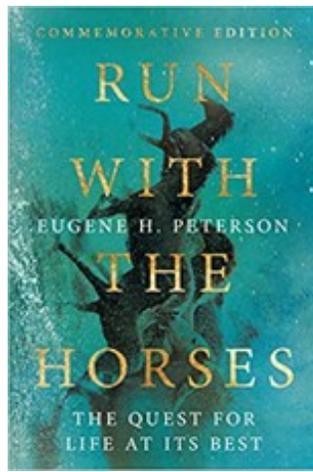
View the Children's Ministries newsletter here: <https://us4.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=c82c1afd9a74257d9804aa324&id=9689da42b3>

Music Ministry

The St. John's Ringers will rehearse this coming Wednesday, February 24 at 7 pm in the Barr Center Gym. New members are welcome! Email Michael at mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org for details.

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Starting February 23, the men will begin a new book study: "Run With Horses", by Eugene Peterson, author of The Message. (From the back cover): "In a series of profound reflections on the life of Jeremiah the prophet, Peterson explores the heart of what it means to be fully and genuinely human." Books are available in the Heyward Hall break room. You may also purchase them from Amazon.com. This study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 am (Please note: this group will not meet next Tuesday, 2/16). Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77852888644>



Easter Season Baptisms

We celebrate the Lord's Resurrection by joining new people to him, by baptism into his death and resurrection. If you have a baptismal candidate in your household, consider the following baptismal dates in the months ahead.

The Easter Vigil, Easter Eve, Saturday, April 4 at 8 PM
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25, 9:30 or 10:30 services
The Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23 in the 9:30 or 10:30

(The next traditional baptismal day is All Saints', November 7 but other dates can be scheduled).

Be in touch with either of the clergy to schedule a baptism on these dates. During the pandemic, we can also baptize in other settings (with just your family, at home, etc) that may be safer for members of your family.



Lent: A Season of Spiritual Renewal

Wisdom from the Past: Visions for the Christian Life after the Pandemic

A Wednesday Evening Series for Lent: 7: 30 PM on Zoom

Lent 2021 marks one year since the pandemic began, an experience often described as "unprecedented." Yet God's people have lived through plagues, wars, depressions, and exile in the past. Our Lent series for adults will be led by scholars and practitioners who know that Christian past, with its measures of suffering and healing, of loss and renewal. Join them by Zoom as we look toward the Christian life we will share on the other side of the pandemic, having received the gifts of this season.

Zoom Webinar Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85749052918>

Our first presentation is this coming Wednesday, February 24: Worship before, and after, Zoom: Ancient and Modern Perspectives

The Very Rev. Andrew McGowan, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale

Andrew McGowan is Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School and McFaddin Professor of Anglican Studies at Yale. Previously Warden and President of Trinity College at the University of Melbourne and a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, he was a long-standing member of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia and of its Doctrine Commission. His scholarship focuses on ancient Christianity, including its ritual and worship, and on contemporary Anglicanism. His recent books include *Ancient Christian Worship* (Baker Academic, 2014) and *Ancient and Modern* (Wipf and Stock, 2015). He blogs at Saint Ronan Street Diary (abmcg.blogspot.com) and is on Twitter as @BerkeleyDean and, more personally, as @Praxeas.

Several other churches are joining this series, including Grace in Anderson, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's in Greenville, St. Matthew's and St. Christopher's in Spartanburg, and St. Luke's in Newberry. The webinar format will limit our interaction somewhat but will give our speakers the best forum and allow you to ask questions by the chat feature.

March 3: "Seeing" Jesus: The Evolution of the Image of Jesus in Art and Culture
Professor Lee Jefferson, Department of Religion, Centre College

March 10: Seeking Peace with Christian Mystics and in the Christian Year
Ardelle Walters, Licensed Professional Counselor, Memphis, Tennessee



The Way of the Cross for Lent

St. John's and St. Luke's Churches
Praying Together
March 5, @ 12 noon, St. John's
We'll gather on the patio and pray
our way around Shandon.

March 19 @ 12 noon, St. Luke's
(1300 Pine Street Columbia, SC 29204)
Praying our way through
historic Waverly.

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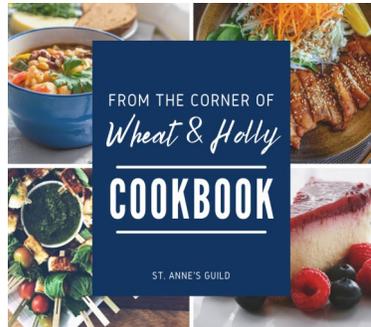
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In Case of Emergency!

Thanks to a generous gift by Dr. Tim Close, we have three AED's (Defibrillators). They are located in the Barr Center kitchen, Heyward Hall break room, and the Church sacristy. Each location has a sign posted, indicating the exact location of the AED. We encourage everyone to watch a short training video, so that they will be prepared in the case of a cardiac emergency: <https://youtu.be/e2W7X5y5HG8> These machines will guide you through administering CPR and using the AED.



You can buy a cookbook in the St. John's office or after service on Sunday for \$20.

Roasted Spiced Sweet Potatoes*

1 tsp. coriander seeds	1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes	2 lbs. sweet potatoes
1/2 tsp. fennel seeds	2 tbsp. vegetable or coconut oil
1/2 tsp. dried oregano	

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grind spices in a coffee grinder or mortar and pestle. Stir in the salt. Wash, peel and chop potatoes into 1-inch thick chunks. Toss potatoes with oil and spices and spread out in one layer on a roasting pan. Roast for 20 minutes then turn potatoes and roast until slightly golden for 15-20 more minutes.

*Contributed by Craig Keeney

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Edie Benson, Ann Bowman, Margaret Buchanan, Evelyn Bull, Margaret Cain, Paden Carroll, Matthew Cooke, Landon Derrick, Barbara DeVillier, Marty Dubber, Diana Edwards, Elaine Folline, Melinda Franks, Dan Fulton, Parker Gibson, Joy Grimsley, Rod & Ginny Hungerford, Scott Jaillette, Wells Johnson & family, Alice King, Jim Knight, Jim Larkins, Frances Ligon, Alex Newcomer, Cese Newcomer, Heidi Partain, Marsha Reid, Monica Rivera, Lorraine Roberts, Leigh Sharpe, Brandon and Randolph Shives, Katy Smith, Eleanor Stalvey, Mike Strong, Stephen Sutusky, Joanne Tate, Will Tevepaugh, Kathy Thomas, John Tiller, Mike Tronco, Claire Trowbridge, Brooks Wheeler.

For Expectant Parents: Chris & Kelli Turnipseed, Adam & Lockey Plyler, Randall & Virginia Boland, Sam & Mary Margaret Crews.

For Military Service Personnel: Hamilton Osborne III, Matthew Simmons, Camilo Morago, Byron Davison, Treb Courie, Brennen Fleischer.

Please remember the basics of safe attendance for all services:

- Do not come to worship if you feel sick, if there is illness in your family, or if you have been exposed to the virus.
- Wash your hands vigorously before coming to church.
- Wear your well-fitted mask at all times and keep distance from others.
- Get vaccinated when you can!
- Let one of the clergy know if you become ill after worship at St. John's.

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