



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

Time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:00 a.m.

The Word of God

A Penitential Order: Rite One

The Decalogue

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Jeremiah 31.31-34 *(Scripture available in the 10:30 section below)*

Psalm 119:9-16 *In quo corrigi?*

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I

The Peace

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Bible 724

BCP 764

Bible 1361

Bible 1250

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The Holy Communion

Offertory All things come of thee, O Lord/And of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chronicles 29:14)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer and Prayer over the people

Hymn 645, vv. 1-2, 4, 6 The King of love my shepherd is

Dismissal

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St. Columba

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.

The Word of God

At the Procession Hymnal 370 I bind unto myself today

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures forever

The Decalogue

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Hymnal S-96 Lord, have mercy—*Kyrie eleison*

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

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Franz Schubert

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31.31-34

Bible 724

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

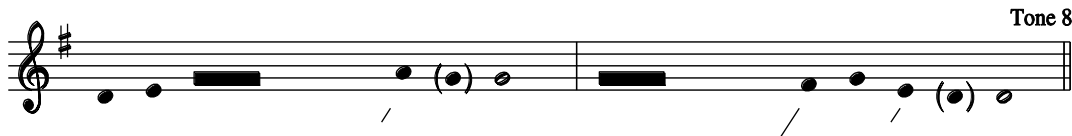
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God.

Reflective Silence

The Gradual Psalm 119:9-16 *In quo corrigit?*

BCP 764

Sung responsively by half verse.



9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

Reflective Silence

The Epistle Hebrews 5.5-10

Bible 1361

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God.

Reflective Silence

Sequence Hymnal 423 Immortal, Invisible God only wise

St. Denio

Children are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel. Children will return at the Peace.

The Gospel John 12.20-33

Bible 1250

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Reflective Silence

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form I

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The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory Be thou my vision

Arr. Lange

Brian McCants, Cello

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymnal 474, v. 4

Rockingham

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Hymnal S-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Franz Schubert

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

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Hymnal S-164 Lamb of God—*Agnus dei*

Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Songs at the Communion

Hymnal 610 Lord, whose love through humble service
Hymnal 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Hymnal 645 The King of love my shepherd is
Hymnal 654 Day by day

*Blaenhafren
St. Agnes
St. Columba
Sumner*

Postcommunion Prayer and Prayer over the people

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Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal 527 Singing songs of expectation

Ton-y-botel

Dismissal

Accessibility

St. John's is equipped with a T-loop hearing system that connects directly to hearing aids and implants via the "T" or "T Coil" setting. We have a number of In-Loop listening devices that deliver amplified sound through headphones. We are also equipped with ADA accessibility via the side door by the Memorial Garden.

Please ask one of the greeters or an usher for assistance.

Announcements

Preparing you to accept God's grace, grow in faith,



from St. John's

and serve Christ in the world.

Our Worship

Our readings this week center around the theme of Christ's obedience. In John, Christ does not reject the suffering on the horizon. In Hebrews, he takes on willingly the role of the high priest. In Jeremiah, Christ is the one on whose heart the Law is truly written. Christ's obedience forms for us the model of our relationship to God, and our baptism into his Death and Resurrection offer us a way into the intimacy between the Father and the Son.

For the offertory anthem at the 10:30 service this week, the Chancel Choir will be joined by Brian McCants on Cello for Kinley Lange's arrangement of "Be thou my vision." Lange's contemplative setting of this familiar hymn is a perennial favorite of the St. John's Chancel Choir.

St. John's Choral Scholar Joseph Birch will sing at the 8am service this week.

Those participating in worship:

8 AM EM: Bill Eccles

10:30 AM EM 1: Matt McCloghry EM2: Faxie Watt
Acolytes: Will and Spence Jaillette. Andrew Beasley,
Lachlan All Black

Ushers: Thomas Faulds, Keith Axson, Smith Richardson
Greeter: Meredith Blocker, Lockey Plyler

Altar Guild: Pam Hodnett, Kelli Turnipseed, Roger
Wilson, Gail Fisher

Children's Chapel: Glennie Woodrum & Dan
Apoldite

Prayer List

Recently Died: Alan F. Dowling, brother of Erin
Bailey

Expecting Parents: Lindsay & Bosie Morris
For Military Service Personnel

Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Brennen Fleischer,
Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick.

St. John's Church Members

Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Jackie Boylston, John and Martha
Bryan, Shuri Dozier, Janice Fort, Holly Godwin, Julianne
Hurst, Jim Knight, Nancy Law, Joyce Mann, Susan Milton,
Linda Mittenzwei, George Reid, Marsha Reid, Annette
and Buck Shuler, Martha & Rodger Stroup, Mollie
Sullivan, Rob Wilcox

Friends and Family of Church Members

Edie Avery, Joe Bailey, Tom Ballew, Ann Baker, Glenn
Barker, Paula Birch, Ann Bowman, Paula Bowers,
Dwight Bowling, Eric Branham, Matt Camp, Justin
Cooley, Landon Derrick, Wayne Fisher, Melinda "Rosa"
Franks, Scotty Galganowicz, Adam Gibson, Jennifer
Gilley, Mia Guinn, Ennis Hardin, Sarah Harmon, Miller
Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Frances Carolyn James, Olin
Jenkins, Jan Knapp, David Knight, Jonathan Loftin,
Jennifer Martin, Vaughn Moreaux, Katherine Mundy,
Alex Newcomer, Amy Noblitt, Danny Pipes, Ann
Plemmons, Libby Puckett, Raleigh Ridge, Jackie Schell,
Caroline Scott, Courtney Smith, Kathy Sprayberry,
Myles Starnes, Sylvia Taylor, Unita Skipper Usher,
Virginia Vincent, Bob Waters, Paula Williams, Brooks
Wheeler, Brad Young, Dan Zeamer

Fellowship Breakfast!

9 AM in the Dining Room

Join us for food & fellowship this morning.

Music Ministry

The **St. John's Singers** will rehearse this Sunday
afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm in the Music Room.

The **Tilted Halos** Music Class for children 3K-Grade 2
will meet this coming Wednesday from 5:15-5:45pm in
the music room.

St. John's Bell Choir starting March 6! We will meet
Wednesdays at 6 PM. For questions, please contact
Kim Bray at kimbray17@comcast.net

News & Events at St. John's

Lunch and Learn

"To be put away nicely": Funeral Customs in South Carolina

Dr. Rodger Stroup

Thursday, March 21 at 12 Noon

Soup and Sandwiches in the Barr Center Dining Room

Please RSVP to msg@stjohnscolumbia.org

Gethsemane All-Night Vigil

A St. John's tradition returns this Holy Week, keeping watch with the Lord as the disciples struggled to do, in the garden at Gethsemane, before Good Friday. A member of the Men of St. John's will be present as watchman each hour. The Vigil begins at the end of the Maundy Thursday service and will conclude with Morning Prayer at 7 AM on Good Friday.

SIGN UP: <http://tinyurl.com/GethsemaneWatch2024>

Oyster Roast & Silent Auction

Hosted by the Men of St. John's

This event is a great opportunity to invite a friend to a joyful event at St. John's! Invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Raffle & Silent Auction! Beverages are included in your ticket purchase and this year's event is catered by Dixieland Delights Catering.

Tickets are \$40/person: <http://tinyurl.com/Oysters2024>

Eucharistic Visitors Needed

The Eucharist Visitor is a person who takes the Eucharist (both bread and wine) from St. John's to a person who is unable to come to church but would like to receive communion. We are looking for one or two people who would be interested in becoming trained as a Eucharistic Visitor. Please contact Fr. Beasley, Faxie Watt or Bonnie Montgomery for more information.

Creation Care through LED Conversion

Dominion Energy contractors will be on site at St. John's over the next week converting fluorescent ceiling lights to energy-efficient LEDs. This will take place in the parish office, the first floor restrooms, Sunday School rooms and Nursery, The Friendship office, and the Break Room in Heyward Hall, and in some of the support spaces near the kitchen in the Barr Center. The program incentive from Dominion is \$6000 per meter; since we have two meters, we are getting \$12,000 worth of lighting upgraded to LED for a cost of \$1500 to St. John's. The estimated wattage savings for both is 4145 watts, which will save over \$1000 in the first year of operation. We'll be eligible for another incentive next year and will hope to convert fixtures on the second floor of Heyward Hall. Saving energy helps our church fulfill God's commandment to be faithful stewards of his creation (Genesis 1:28).

Lenten Wednesdays - one more left!

This Lent, our normal Wednesday Night Program took the shape of dinner and Evening Prayer Rite II led largely by members of the parish. Join us for our last evening on March 20, lead by Lynae Beresford and homily by Will Grice.

5:30

6:15

6:15 - 7:00

7:15ish

Supper: sign up tinyurl.com/Lent2024Supper

Menu: Soup & Salad

Evening Prayer in the Church

Nursery Available

Book Study

Family Ministries

Our annual **St. John's Egg Hunt** at Still Hopes is coming up on Sunday, March 24 at 2:30 PM! Children and parents are invited.

This summer our **Vacation Bible School** will be June 10-13, so mark your calendars and be looking for registration coming later this spring! We will need volunteers to help make this happen. Let Alex know at adc@stjohnscolumbia.org if you would like to volunteer!

Join us for **EYC** this Sunday!

Middle school: 5:00-6:00

Dinner: 6:00-6:30

High school: 6:30-7:30

Summer Trip for Senior High Youth: We have space for 13 youth and chaperones at Leconte Lodge! July 14-17 Register Here: tinyurl.com/LeconteSJE Contact Alex at adc@stjohnscolumbia.org with questions.

Sunday School & Adult Formation

Sunday Adult Formation:

Equipping the Saints: Five Bible Stories Before Easter

What are some of the scriptural traditions that inform the way the New Testament tells us about the death and resurrection of Christ? During Lent, we'll be looking at some of the major Old Testament traditions and stories that the writers of the New Testament pick up to describe what God has done in Christ. This week Fr. Garrett considers Paul's use of Isaiah in his letters.

Monthly Sunday Early Adult Class, 9 AM, with breakfast, Dining Room, Barr Center - next meeting Sunday April 7.

Parent's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Library, First Floor

The Wired Word, 9:30 AM, Parlor, First Floor

Children's Sunday School:

Little Lambs (age 3-4): Room 129

K-2: Room 226

3-5: Room 215

Middle School: Room 221

High School: Room 222

Weekly at St. John's

Tuesday at 7 AM: Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study. Good breakfast and fellowship accompany the study of the Scriptures in the Dining Room of the Barr Center.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM for fellowship, study at 7 PM in the Parlor. This winter we are studying James using Practical Faith: A Journey Through James by Victoria Fleischer.

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM: Yoga in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday: Rector's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parlor. We are reading a collection of Eugene Peterson's sermons called, *Lights a Lovely Mile: Collected Sermons of the Church Year*.

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, located in Heyward Hall, lower level, at 12 PM.

Friday: Men's Bible Study Fridays at 7:00 AM in the Parlor. For more info call Brandon 803-240-1760 or email bctempleton1@aol.com

Newcomer Season

Newcomer Welcome Season at St. John's
The Easter season is a wonderful time to further your connection to the Body of Christ as it is gathered at St. John's. Here are three opportunities:

Inquirers Class

9:30 AM, Room 9 (lower level of Heyward Hall)

Sundays, April 21-May 5

Come to those you can for exploration of Episcopal worship, history, and the life of St. John's.

A St. John's Newcomers Gathering

May 16, 6 PM at Fr. Garrett's house

If you feel new, you are invited!

506 Woodrow Street

Columbia, SC 29205

Children welcome; heavy appetizers.

RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

The Welcome of Baptized Members

Sunday, May 19, in the 10:30 service

An opportunity to join the church by recording your baptism and to be welcomed by the congregation.

Please let Fr. Beasley know of your interest; nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org

Significant moments in our parish life for January and February

-We give thanks for the baptisms of: Delaney Rowe Lipham, daughter of Hayden & Shannon Lipham and Evelyn Blair Briseno, daughter of Monica & Anthony Briseno

-We give thanks for the marriage of Sara Williamson & Stuart Peterson

We welcome: Elizabeth Begg; John & Happy Begg; Joann & Ashby Morton; Andrella & George Brunson; and Mary Schroeder, received by letter of transfer.

We bid farewell to: the Coker Family and Rhett Hardy Newton, transferred to other congregations.

We extend sympathy to the family of Charles W. Jacocks.

Did we miss something? Please let us know
msg@stjohnscolumbia.org

Holy Week & Easter

What Happens at Holy Week Services?

St. John's keeps up the ancient tradition of an intense week of prayer and worship in the days leading up to Easter, the feast of Christ's Resurrection. Our services are patterned on the observances of the church in Jerusalem in its early days. Palm Sunday is the Sunday of the Passion, a day that provides a broad overview of Holy Week in its quick transition from the Lord's triumphal entry to his condemnation. The rest of the week's services break the action into smaller acts. Simple services of Holy Communion and preaching are held in the Chapel (lower level of Heyward Hall) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 6 PM. Across those days, the tensions in the Scriptures rises, as Jesus's conflict with the religious authorities intensifies. We gather on Thursday at 7 PM in the church, for a fuller service in observation of Maundy Thursday. A commemoration of the Last Supper, this service includes the washing of feet, the stripping of the altar, and a thankful remembrance of Christ's gift of Holy Communion to us, all legacies of the final night he shared with his disciples. An all-night watch follows, reminding us of Lord's long hours spent grieving in the garden of Gethsemane. Good Friday's 12:15 PM service takes place in a bare church and includes a long reading of St. John's Passion, the veneration of the Cross, and a sermon that takes us into the wonder of the saving death of Jesus Christ.

These services mean to take you into the core of Christian faith, to the upper room, Cross, and the empty tomb. Spread across Holy Week, they ask for your sustained attention to Christ and his saving work in those places. They ask the question of the old spiritual, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Being there can make a great difference to your spiritual life, in how you experience and receive the Gospel of Christ. I know many will be traveling because of school spring break, but I do urge and invite those who are here to come together to see and hear what God has done in Christ in our holy week services. We don't have revivals in a tent in August in our tradition, but the holy days ahead offer the same opportunity, to come to Christ and know him as our savior.

Be with us. *Nicholas+*

Palm Sunday, March 24

Services at 8 and 10:30 AM

Nursery, Children's Chapel, Sunday School Available

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Service at 7 PM

Nursery Available

Gethsemane Watch, March 28

Beginning at 8:30 PM



Good Friday, March 29

Service at 12:15 PM

Nursery Available

Easter, March 31

Services at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 AM

Nursery & Children's Chapel for 9 AM service

Nursery for 11:15 AM service

Easter Flowers & Music Dedications: We share Resurrection hope and joy through flowers and music on Easter Day. Your gifts in thanksgiving or memory for friends and family are invited. Make checks (\$25) payable to St. John's Episcopal Church and note "Easter Flowers & Music" in the memo line. Mail in your forms found in the atrium or church narthex or complete the online form. Deadline is Thursday, March 21. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/Lilies2024>

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