

# ST. JOHN'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

### The Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00 AM

### The Word of God

**Entrance Rite**

**BCP 323**

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Lessons** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

**Bible 2**

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

**BCP 624**

Romans 5.12-19

**Bible 1297**

Matthew 4.1-11

**Bible 1149**

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

**Prayers of the People, Form I**

**BCP 383**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 330**

**The Peace**

### 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**

**BCP 340**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**The Communion**

**Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 339**

**Hymn at the Procession**

Hymnal 537 Christ for the World We Sing

*Moscow*

**Dismissal**

### Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

### The Word of God

**Voluntary** Ich Ruf' Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639) (text Hymn 634)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**At the Procession**

Hymnal S-67: The Great Litany

**BCP 148**

*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*

Officiant	People
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,	Have mer - cy up - on us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mer - cy up - on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful,	Have mer - cy up - on us.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,	Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People*

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People*

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Blessed John and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Officiant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

*Officiant* O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

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

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

### 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 2.15-17, 3.1-7

### Bible 2

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

## Reflective Silence

### The Gradual: Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

*The choir and congregation chant the psalm.*

BCP 624



- 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.

## Reflective Silence

### The Epistle: Romans 5.12-19

Bible 1297

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

## Reflective Silence

**At the Sequence** Hymnal 142 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

*Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.*

## The Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Bible 1149

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

### Reflective Silence

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

### The Peace

## The Holy Communion

### At the Offertory

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, but have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.*

### 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.

### **At the Communion**

Hymnal 321 My God Thy Table

*Rockingham*

Hymnal 653 Dear Lord and Father

*Repton*

Hymnal 147 Now Let Us All With One Accord

*Bourbon*

Hymnal 439 What Wondrous Love

*Wondrous Love*

### **People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors**

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

### **Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing**

**BCP 365**

### **Hymn at the Procession**

Hymnal 671 Amazing Grace

*New Britain*

### **Dismissal**

**Voluntary** Plein Jeu

Pierre du Mage (1690-1750)

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### **Our Worship**

We enter into Lent this week both with a story of humanity's collapse in Genesis and a story of Christ's faithfulness in the Gospel. Lent is a season in which we unlearn our pride and come to learn Christ's humility and faithfulness.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Those leading worship at St. John's:

8:00 AM EM: Bill Robinson

10:30 EM 1: Faxie Watt EM 2: Michael Burkett

Acolytes: Timothy Koutrakos, Charlotte Godwin, Keating Davison

Greeters: Lockey Plyler, Courtenay Mims

Ushers: Biff Blocker, Carl Hiller, John & Pam Zemp

Altar Guild: Carole Moser, Troy McLaughlin, Elizabeth Cotter, Vera Tucker, Lisa Padua

Flower Guild: Stacy McCloghry

Children's Chapel: Glennie Woodrum

It is Kanuga Weekend! About 110 of our members will be in the Blue Ridge Mountains, in fellowship, worship and service. As a result, we will have an all-ages EYC tonight, and only one Adult Formation Class today. Families are still invited to join us for children's worship and nursery during the 10:30 service.

Children's Chapel:

Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us. Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

## Wednesday Nights in Lent

### **To Follow Christ: The Sermon on the Mount**

The Sermon on the Mount is Christ's own proclamation of his kingdom, his teaching of his way for those who mean to follow him. We'll study the Sermon in Lent (Matthew 5-7) in hope that God will use it to move us into the way of Jesus Christ. Join us at 5:30 PM each Wednesday evening for dinner; 6:15 PM for the program. The children's program will run at the same time as adult programming in the Little Lambs classroom, following the same lessons. Please make a dinner reservation. There are always a hot meal, a salad bar, and emergency peanut butter and jelly!

**Register Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/WNSspring2026>

February 25: Week 1: The Beatitudes, the Character of Discipleship (Matthew 5:1-12)

March 4: Week 2: Salty, Light Disciples (Matthew 5:13-26)

March 11: Week 3: Prayer for Following Christ (Matthew 6:1-17)

March 18: Week 4: Treasure and Trouble (Matthew 6:19-34)

March 25: Week 5: Judgment, the Golden Rule, and Conclusion (Matthew 7:1-29)

Join us by **Zoom** at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86860106222>



## News & Events

**Children's Sunday School, Wired Word, and Faith at Home Studies will resume Sunday, March 1!**

### **Equipping the Saints: On the Road with Jesus - begins today!**

New series, beginning February 22 | 9:30 AM, Multipurpose Room

This Lent, EQS will study stories of Jesus meeting people on the road. From the very beginning, his call of discipleship is one to follow him. Jesus meets all sorts of people as he walks around Israel, and he calls them from the side of the road onto the way of discipleship. This class will be led by the clergy.

### **Feed Our Youth**

Every season, wonderful St. John's members help us feed our youth that meet on Sunday evenings. You can pair up with a friend, pool funds with another family, or sponsor as a guild. We still have several dates that need filling this spring! Sign up with the QR or email Alex Cheek if you have questions. Need some ideas? Past favorites include: chili, taco bar, BBQ, Baked Potato Bar, and Breakfast for Dinner.



### **Holy Baptism in 2026**

Our baptismal dates for 2026 are April 19, May 24, August 23, and November 1.

Other dates can be arranged if necessary. Please complete our baptismal form(link in the Epistle) if you seek baptism one of the clergy will be in touch.

*Find the latest news, events, and details in the Epistle Newsletter  
and online at [facebook.com/StJohnsEpiscopalChurchShandon](https://facebook.com/StJohnsEpiscopalChurchShandon)*

## Family Ministries

Middle and high schoolers will meet together from 5-6 PM for pickleball **EYC** this Sunday, Feb 22! Meet Brandon Templeton and Michael Burkett in the gym. Pizza dinner will follow from 6-6:30 PM. We'll be back with regular EYC next Sunday!

No **Pre-YC** this Sunday, Feb 22. We'll be back on Sunday, March 8!

**Happening #94** candidate registration is now available! 9th-12th graders are invited to attend this weekend at Gravatt full of spiritual growth, fellowship, and community. This retreat is free for St. John's youth through the JFMF. Registration link in the Epistle.

Looking to do some summer mission work? The **Homeworks Mission** week in Edisto is back! High school youth are invited to be part of this mission week from **July 19-24**. Let Alex know if you are interested!

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

**VBS 2026:** June 8-11

## Weekly Studies

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

**Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study, fellowship at 6:30 PM, study begins at 7 PM in the parlor. \*Stay tuned! Details coming soon on a new study beginning after Lent.\*

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

**Wednesday:** Rector's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parlor, studying the book of Jonah.

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

**Friday:** Men's Bible Study Fridays at 7:00 AM in the Parlor. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible. We are in a deep dive into the Gospels.

## St. John's Clergy & Staff

Daniel P. Richards, Bishop of Upper South Carolina

Nicholas M. Beasley, Rector

Garrett Ayers, Associate Rector

Alex Barron, Priest Associate

Amanda Hines Wrona, Director of Music

English Morris, Organist

Alex Cheek, Director of Family Ministries

Laura Fowles, Parish Administrator

Rhonda Gardner, Financial Administrator

Megan Griffin, Administrative Assistant

## Oyster Roast & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 28



**Mark your calendars - tickets go on sale soon!**

*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. Beverages are included in your ticket. Raffle & Silent Auction to raise funds for the our youth traveling the pilgrimage of St. Cuthbert's Way this summer.

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