

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

The Penitential Order

BCP 319

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Genesis 12.1-4a (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

Bible 9

BCP 779

Bible 1296

Bible 1238

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

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 636 *How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM

The Word of God

Voluntary

Benedictus (Solemn Mass for Parish Use)

Francois Couperin le Grand (1668-1733)

At the Procession

Hymnal 636 *How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

BCP 350

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 352

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 12.1-4a

Bible 9

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

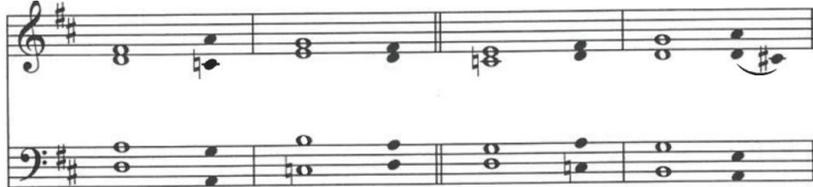
The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

Reflective Silence

The Gradual: Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

BCP 779

The choir and congregation chant the psalm.



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not
fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Reflective Silence

The Epistle: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Bible 1296

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Reflective Silence

At the Sequence

Hymnal 393 Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord

Maoz Zur

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

The Gospel: John 3.1-17

Bible 1238

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon
Reflective Silence
The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People, Form I
The Peace

BCP 358
BCP 383

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. 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

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

BCP 361

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

Hymnal S-164 Lamb of God—*Agnus dei*

BCP 364

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 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

Hymnal 645 The King of Love

St. Columba

Hymnal 448 O Love, How Deep

Deus tuorum militum

Hymnal 654 Day by Day

Sumner

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 Procession

Hymnal 473 Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Dismissal

Voluntary

Aria

Georg Boehm (1661-1733)

Our Worship

For this second Sunday of lent, our readings tell us about faith as a kind of *going*. Abram *goes out* from his country, and Nicodemus *goes to* Christ by night. Both are moments of conversion. But our Psalm speaks a word of comfort, too—that in each place we go in faith, the LORD “will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.”

The Altar greenery is given to the glory of God.

Those leading worship at St. John's:

8:00 AM EM: Wade Sparks

10:30 EM 1: Bill Todd EM 2: Will Grice

Acolytes: Spence Jaillette, Lachlan All Black, Eva Jaillette, Ellis Warren

Greeters: Holly Godwin, Ashley Jaillette

Ushers: Chris Turnipseed, Scott Ballew

Altar Guild: Georgianna Wheeler, Cathy Bourne, Lynda Lovelace, Sallie Reynolds, Elizabeth Powers, Elaine Strong

Flower Guild: Cathy Bourne

Children's Chapel: Berkeley McCants

Fr. Beasley is away this weekend, enjoying a visit with college friends at the beach.

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.

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 gospel of Mark.

Sunday Formation

9:30 AM

Equipping the Saints: On the Road with Jesus Multipurpose Room, lower level of Heyward Hall.

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 week's discussion will be led by Fr. Ayers.

The Wired Word - Parlor, First Floor. Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life.

Faith at Home - Library, First Floor. Children in Holy Scripture We'll consider the Bible's wisdom related to children and childhood in this series that runs from January until May. This week will be led by Adam & Locky Plyler.

9:00 AM

Early Sunday School Class: Davis Bourne leads "The David Story: Shepherd, Father, King" which explores the lives of Israel's first two kings - Saul and David - to discover the Bible's profound lessons about fatherhood, the nature of sin, and the consequences of sin. A delicious breakfast is included. Meeting the first Sunday of each month in the Barr Center Dining Room. *Meeting Today!*

Children's Sunday School

9:30 AM

Little Lambs (age 3-4): Room 129

K-2: Room 226

3-5: Room 215

Middle School: Room 221

High School: Room 222

Pledge



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News & Events

Equipping the Saints: On the Road with Jesus - new series!

9:30 AM, Multipurpose Room

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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.

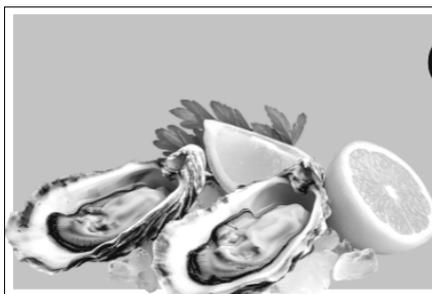
Evensong for Lent

Sunday, March 15 at 6 PM

A contemplative service of Scripture, Prayer, and Praise, led by St. John's Chancel Choir.

St. John's Young Adults

Young Adults bring EYC Supper on Sunday, March 8! This fellowship group, generally in their 20s and early 30s, is a low-pressure way to make new connections at the church. Text Maggie Mallette for more information at 662-801-4341. We would love to meet you!



Oyster Roast & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 28, 7 PM

Hosted by the Men of St. John's

Mark your calendars - tickets on sale now!

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. Silent Auction to raise funds for our youth traveling the pilgrimage of St. Cuthbert's Way this summer. Come out to bid on items like Riverbanks Zoo tickets, lake houses, and more!

Menu: Oysters, chili, and BBQ.

Purchase Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/Oysters2026>

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>

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

Special Guest: Dr. Sánchez, a dear friend of Fr. Garrett's, leads our session this week. He has a Masters degree from University of St. Andrew's in Scotland and a PhD in New Testament from Baylor University.

Menu: Chicken & Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta, Salad Bar, Dessert

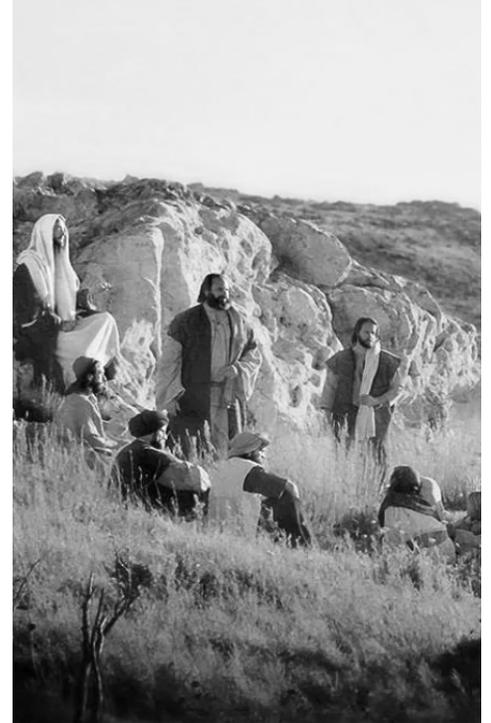
March 4: Week 2: Salty, Light Disciples (Matthew 5:13-26)

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>



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, March 1. 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

*Find the latest news, events, and details in the Epistle Newsletter
and online at facebook.com/StJohnsEpiscopalChurchShandon*

Fasting & Other Traditions for Lent

The practice of fasting shapes many of the Church's spiritual and worship practices during Lent. Though it takes various forms, fasting is the act of abstaining from food in order to deepen our awareness of our dependence on God and to gain some mastery over the appetites of the flesh. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enter the space created by fasting, filling what we have emptied with his own gifts.

Some will fast in a traditional sense, particularly on the weekly fast days of Wednesday and Friday. Do so with care for your health; for many, plenty of water and a light meal constitute an appropriate fast. Others may take a more creative approach, giving something up for Lent as a form of fasting. Sweets, alcohol, french fries, Netflix—any of these can become something we abstain from, trusting that God will fill the resulting emptiness with something greater than what we have set aside. Pray for that when you give something up.

As a Church, we also fast corporately from some of the beauty of our worship during Lent. The ornate cross is veiled; flowers and the seven-branched candelabra are removed from the altar. Plainsong chants and minor keys replace melodies in major keys that we might naturally find more beautiful. By fasting from some of the beauty of our faith, the mystery at its center comes into sharper focus: the loving forgiveness of God in the Cross of Jesus Christ, which awaits us at the end of our Lenten journey.

-Fr. Nicholas Beasley

Prayer List

Recently Died: Blanche Mighells, grandmother of Amanda Hines Wrona

Those to Be Married: Emily Bryant and Frank Chapman, Kate Thomas and Michael O'Keefe, Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Olivia and Bevan Funderburk

For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick, Ryan Sheard

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jerryana Birch-Biblioni, Virginia Boland, Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, John Montgomery, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan, Kelli Turnipseed, Tyler Turnipseed

Friends and Family of Church Members: Edie Avery, Jose Arnaldo Bibiloni, Joanna Beresford, Patsy Blocker, Ann Bowman, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Carol Clarkson, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Kensi Griffin, Mark Grey, Mia Guinn, Sonya Hancock, Kristi Helmly, Miller Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Christi Jolley, Kevin Keeney, Kate Lichty, Lori Lesieur, Jennifer Martin, John McKie, Katherine Mundy, Jim O'Keefe, Charlie Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, David Richardson, Beaumont Riley, Mark Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Nancy Tevepaugh, Jerry Trotter, Vera W. Tucker, Barbara Turner, Carly Waters, Barbara Wesman, Brooks Wheeler, Nancy Wolcott, Virginia Wolcott

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Servant Ministry Donation Spots

We've made some changes to make the most of limited space but still invite your donations to our partner ministries.

EMS Closet: Heyward Hall Break Room

Fresh Start: Heyward Hall Break Room (plastic grocery bags) and the Bell Tower

Harvest Hope: Heyward Hall Break Room and the Bell Tower