

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

A Penitential Order: Rite One

The Decalogue

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Exodus 17.1-7 (*Scripture available in the 10:30 section below*)
Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-26

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer and Prayer over the people

Hymnal 686 Come Thou Fount

Dismissal

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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal 686 Come Thou Fount

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Song of Praise—Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy Name in all the earth

Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Exodus 17.1-7

Bible 63

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Reflective Silence

The Gradual: Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

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The congregation recites the psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Reflective Silence

The Epistle: Romans 5.1-11

Bible 1297

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Reflective Silence

At the Sequence—The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

His mercies never come to an end

They are new every morning

New every morning

Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord

Great is Thy faithfulness

(Repeat)

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

The Gospel: John 4.5-26

Bible 1239

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Jesus Met the Woman at the Well

Traditional

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymnal 474, v. 4

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.

Rockingham

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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

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.

BCP 367

Franz Schubert

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-164 Lamb of God—*Agnus Dei*

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.

BCP 364

Franz Schubert

At the Communion

Steeple Outro

My heart was weary my soul was heavy

My bones were aching Lord

I needed waking I needed breaking

I needed You my Lord

And You took my hand led me to the river

And buried all I was

Then You kissed my face and told me I was Yours

And I knew I'd found my home

The Well

I have what you need but you keep on searching

I've done all the work but you keep on working

When you're running on empty and you can't find the remedy

Just come to the well.

So leave it all behind and come to the well.

So bring Me your heart no matter how broken.

Just come as you are when your last prayer is spoken.

Just rest in My arms a while.

You'll feel the change, My child

When you come to the well. When you come to the well ... *Chorus*

You can spend your whole life chasing what's missing

But that empty inside, it just ain't gonna listen.

When nothing can satisfy and the world leaves you high and dry

Just come to the well.

And now that you're full of love beyond measure

Your joy's gonna flow like a stream in the desert.

Soon all the world will see

That living water is found in Me,

'cause you've come to the well.

You've come to the well.

Chorus:

And all who thirst will thirst no more.

And all who search will find what their souls long for.

The world will try but it can never fill.

Leave it all behind, leave it all behind

And come to the well.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep

Chorus 1

We say, Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord, Jesus come (*Repeat*)

Have Mercy

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

WLP #827 O Lord hear my pray'r

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

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Hymn at the Procession They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other.
We will walk hand in hand

Dismissal

Postlude

Chorus 2

We cry, Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come (*Repeat*)

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep

We say, Come Lord Jesus come
(*We cry, Holy Spirit, come*)

Come Lord, Jesus come
(*Holy Spirit, Come*)
Come Lord Jesus, Come

Oh help my unbelief
Oh help my unbelief
O Lord have mercy
O Lord have mercy

And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land...Chorus

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each man's pride...Chorus

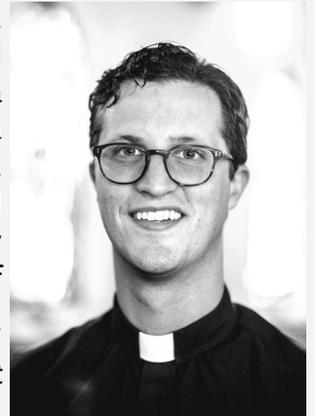
All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one...Chorus

Growth and Change A Clergy Staff Update

It is time to share the news that our Associate Rector, the Rev. Garrett Ayers, is entering a PhD program in theology at Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. Fr. Garrett has been a faithful pastor, priest, and teacher in our congregation for four excellent years. We've benefited greatly from his creativity in planning formation experiences, his kindness, and his prayerful personal presence. I know we've all enjoyed watching him grow from a newly ordained priest to an accomplished minister of God's Word and Sacraments. St. John's has the privilege to welcome clergy, share its faithful traditions and spiritual gifts with them, and send them on for further service in God's kingdom. We are doing so again. Garrett now has the opportunity to grow intellectually and in an academic vocation for a season at a world-class theological center. We must all be thankful he'll have the opportunity to serve in new ways through this further study. His ministry will grow in significance for Christ's church, and we got to be part of it. We'll enjoy Garrett's ministry among us into July. I'll share farewell plans, as well as plans to find a new associate, as soon as I can. Please find time in the months ahead to thank God for Garrett's time with us and spend time with him. *With thanksgiving, Nicholas*

Leaving for a PhD at Princeton Theological Seminary makes me very sad, and very excited. Very sad because each Bible study, each Eucharist, each dinner or parish meal with you all has been the fulfillment of a vocation for me. I have loved being a priest at St. John's—a blessing of the deepest sort. Very excited because I am following a vocation within a vocation. The faculty at Princeton are tremendous, but so is the life of faith and that school. I will have a chance to learn, reflect, talk, and pray in an outstanding hub of theological education. There's an easy flow between pray and study there that is hard to find. I feel lucky in both directions—lucky to be going on to a PhD, but also deeply lucky to have been one of your clergy. Lucky, too, that we have plenty of months still on the table.

-Fr. Garrett



News & Events

Easter Flower & 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. (Please use the form, do not email) *Deadline is Tuesday March 31.*

Gethsemane Watch: Men Needed

Thursday, April 2, 8:30 PM - Friday, April 3, 7 AM

This upcoming Holy Week, we will be inviting church members to watch with the Lord as the disciples struggled to do, in the garden at Gethsemane, before Good Friday. We need some of our men to sign up to be a safeguard for those coming to pray. If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin. MEN'S SIGN UP: tinyurl.com/gethsemanewatch2026

Annual 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. 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, Fireflies Tickets, and more! Menu: Oysters, chili, and BBQ. Purchase Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/Oysters2026>

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Our Worship

Fr. Beasley will preach this week on the lesson from Romans 5: "while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly." This is bracing word for Lent; we have been ungodly, weak, even enemies of God. But God made his way into the land of the enemy to save them, even die for them, in Christ. The Lord who commands us to love our enemies loved his enemies first.

Selah leads our music this week in the 10:30 service.

The Altar greenery is given to the glory of God.

Those leading worship at St. John's:

8:00 AM EM: Rob Wilcox

10:30 EM 1: Faxie Watt EM 2: Lindsey Hiller

Acolytes: Tyler Turnipseed, Virginia Williamson,

Camden McCauley, Sawyer Tevepaugh

Greeters: Fletcher Spigner, George Gallagher

Ushers: Thomas Faulds, Charlie Sterne, John Fralick

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara

Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Flower Guild: Gail Fisher

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

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.

Pledge



Give



Connect



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 Lee Rambo.

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. *Next meeting April 12.*

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

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and online at facebook.com/StJohnsEpiscopalChurchShandon

Season of Lent

Wednesday Night Program: 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>

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

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

Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert

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)

Evensong for Lent

Sunday, March 15 at 6 PM

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

Trinity Lenten Preaching Series

TRANSFORMATION: What Joseph Teaches Us About Reconciliation

Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays with guest preacher at 12:30 PM in the Cathedral.

Lunch served at 11:45 AM & 1:00 PM in Satterlee Hall

March 11: Repentance & Amendment of Life; Genesis 44:18-23, 32-34

The Rev. Amanda Robertson, Rector, Good Shepherd, York

March 18: Absolution; Genesis 45:3-8

The Rev. Katie Ayers, Rector, St. John's, Congaree

Family Ministries

Join us for **EYC** this Sunday, March 8.

Middle school 5-6 PM | Dinner 6-6:30 | High School 6:30-7:30

3-5th graders are invited to join us for **Pre-YC** this Sunday, March 8 from 3-4 PM. Meet us on the playground!

Middle schoolers are invited to register for **New Beginnings** at Camp Gravatt on April 10-12. This middle school retreat is free for St. John's youth through the JFMF! Register

Happening #94 is next weekend, March 13-15 at Gravatt! Please keep our youth and adults attending and leading in your prayers. If you would like to contribute any Caritas, please drop them off by Thursday, March 12 by 12 PM. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Alex at adc@stjohnscolumbia.org

Candidates: Johnny Foster, Adair Hinson, George Petroff, Tyler Turnipseed

Staff: Adlyn Mustian (Lay Rector), James Meacham, Will Jaillette, Spence Jaillette, Rebecca Mustian, Gordon Schell, Garrett Ayers, Alex Cheek

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.

Holy Baptism in 2026

Our baptismal dates for 2026 are April 19, May 31, August 23, and November 1.

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