



**The Episcopal Parish of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Hingham, Massachusetts**

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

Welcome to St. John's! It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us. We pray that within these walls you will find and be found by God. Please know that there is always a place for you here. If you would like more information about this vibrant community of faith, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

About the Service: Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Service music, prefaced by an "S," is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people's responses are in bold. Out of respect for those who come a few minutes early for prayerful reflection, we ask that you please silence all cell phones and keep conversation to a minimum within and outside the worship space. Large-print editions of the Prayer Book are available from the ushers.

Childcare for infants and toddlers and play-care for two-year-olds is provided in the upstairs nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes are taught during the first part of the 10 o'clock Eucharist. The children then join their families in church for Communion. We offer a live-feed of our services in both the Parish Hall and the more intimate Thayer Room for parents and others who must leave the worship space for whatever reason. All are invited to **Coffee Hour** in Upper Weld Hall, located to the left as you enter the church's main doors, immediately following the service.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer an informal **Sunday Evening Service (S.W.5)** at 5:00 pm in Upper Weld Hall and a 10:00 am Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel, followed by an optional Bible Study.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 am

The Service begins on page 319 of the Book of Common Prayer.
Collect of the Day on page 166. After the sermon the service resumes on page 327.
The Great Thanksgiving begins on page 333 (Prayer I).
Prayer after Communion – page 339.

Participants in Today's Service:
Lector/Intercessor/Chalice/Altar Guild
Irma and Tally Lauter, Steve Hatfield, Deb Dougherty

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

PRELUDE: Cantabile

César Franck (1822-1890)

All stand to sing

HYMN 470: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Beecher

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

All kneel for the

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal S-86

Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE LESSON

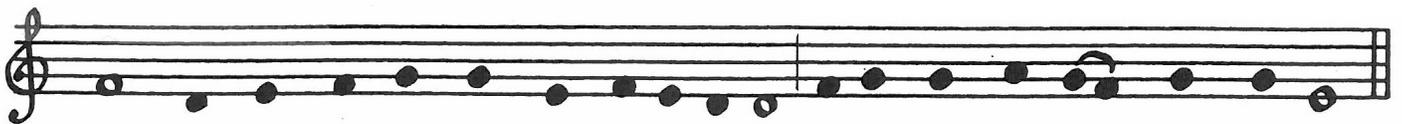
Genesis 12:1-4a

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 33:12-21

The cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat. The choir and congregation sing the verses together and repeat the antiphon as indicated.

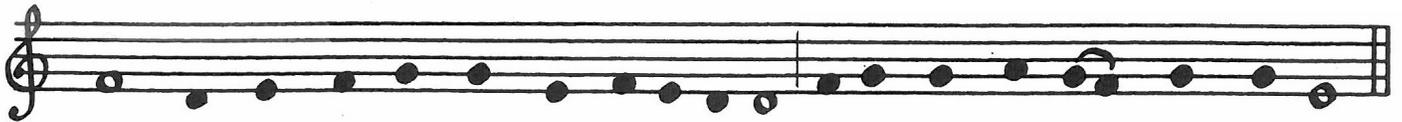


Lord, let your lov-ing-kind-ness be up-on us, as we have put our trust in you.

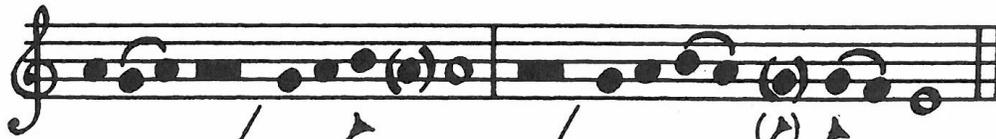


- 12 Hap - p̄y is the nation whose God / is the LÓRD!*
happy the people he has cho - / sen to bē híš own!
13 The LORD looks / down from héav-en,*
and beholds all the / peo-ple in the world.

ANTIPHON



Lord, let your lov-ing-kind-ness be up-on us, as we have put our trust in you.



14 From *whère* he sits en - / throned he turns his gaze*
on / all who dwell *on* the earth.

15 He fashions / all the hearts of them*
and / un-der-stands *á*ll their works.

ANTIPHON

18 *Be - hōld*, the eye of the LORD is upon / those
who *fear* him,*
on those who / wait up-on his love,

19 To / pluck their lives from death,*
and to feed them / in time of *fām*-ine.

ANTIPHON

20 *Our sōul* waits / for the LORD;*
he / is our *hēlp* and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoic - / es in *hīm*,*
for in his holy / Name we put our trust.

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

The People stand to sing

SEQUENCE HYMN 393: Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord

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THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

The Rev. Tim Schenck

All stand to recite

THE NICENE CREED

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All kneel for the

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form V

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THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion as the St. John's Choir sings the Offertory Anthem. The ministry of St. John's is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning.

Offertory Anthem: God So Loved the World John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so 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.

As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing

Hymn 448: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Deus tuorum militum*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

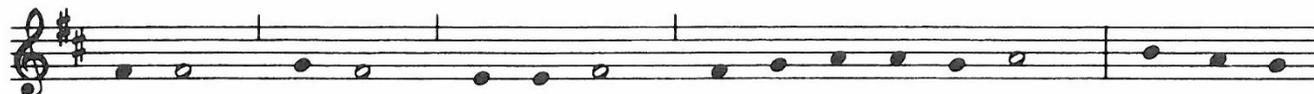
The Celebrant says the Proper Preface then continues:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

THE SANCTUS

all sing

Hymnal S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The People kneel. The service continues on page 362.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:

All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread all sing the

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. In coming forward, please form lines on both sides of the choir. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, return to your pew via the same way you arrived. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, exit via the side door and return through the side door near the pulpit. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and help guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Anthem: Lift Thine Eyes (from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh

From the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Communion Hymn 489: The Great Creator of the Worlds *Tallis' Ordinal*

Communion Hymn 337: And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love *Unde et memores*

Kneeling, the People join in saying the

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing then all stand to sing

HYMN 473: Lift High the Cross

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*The Lenten Altar Arrangement is given to the Glory of God and
in Thanksgiving for the life of Evelyn Kidder.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Noah Van Niel **Preacher:** The Rev. Tim Schenck **Assisting Priest:** Sister Adele Marie Ryan, SSM **Verger:** Tom Daley **Lectors:** Lindsay Clinton, Paula Barton **Intercessor:** David Dassori **Chalice Bearers:** Phyllis Kidder **Acolytes:** Margaret Strehle, Molly Powers, Sophia Hess, William Buckley **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Danis, Danielle Magner **Ushers:** Kelly Powers, Phil Carter **Junior Ushers:** Katharine and Harry Bradshaw.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Herb Cafarella, Becky Case, Connie Chapin, Alec Clement, Jo Duval, Lloyd Emery, Dot Finn, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Nina Leek, Bonnie Russ, Rebekah Turner, Bill and Shirley Wilcox. The full **Prayer List** is available in the tract rack in the church entryway.

Are you visiting St. John's this morning? Welcome! We hope you enjoy the service and invite you to join us for coffee and conversation immediately afterwards in the Parish Hall (located down the hallway to the left as you enter the church's main doors). While we hope you will feel comfortable asking any of our parishioners questions about the service, church school or other aspects of St. John's, please also feel free to ask an usher or look for our Welcoming Committee members wearing "St. John's Ambassador" name tags. Also, please stop by our staffed welcoming table and take a red visitor's packet to learn more about life at St. John's. Finally, if you are comfortable identifying yourself as a guest this morning, pour your coffee or tea into one of the green mugs on the hospitality table. This will signify that you are a visitor and would like to be approached for conversation. Again, welcome!

One way to **Deepen Your Lenten Journey** is by attending **Mid-Week Services at St. John's**. We offer Morning Prayer (a brief, informal service about 15 minutes in length) Tuesday through Friday at 8:45 am in the Rector's Parlour. On Wednesdays at 10:00 am we hold a service of Holy Eucharist in the chapel followed by coffee and an optional **Bible Study**. Father Noah also runs two weekly **Prayer Groups**—one at 11:00 am on Thursdays and one at 7:00 am on Fridays—for any and all. You need not have come before, you need not come every week, and you need not be an "expert" at prayer (whatever that is).

This week in **Sunday School** the kids will be learning: *Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life*. We have an opening for a 2nd grade teacher and still need a volunteer to sub in the 4/5 class on March 19 and 26. If you would like more information about Sunday School at St. John's or if you can help out in the classrooms, please contact Sunday School Director Alexis MacElhiney at amachelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org.

All members of the **Greater Altar Guild** (Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Shining Lights) whether present, past or potential, are invited to a casual, potluck, breakfast on Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 am. Please contact Sue Turbak (susan_turbak@mac.com) to RSVP and for more information. Baked goods, fruit salads and breakfast casseroles are welcome.

Newcomers to St. John's...join us on Sunday, March 26, at 5:30 pm for a cocktail party at Church. Invitations will be going out shortly to those who have joined us in the last year. Please RSVP to Christine Waring at cewsmiles@aol.com.

Lent at St. John's. During Lent you'll encounter several liturgical changes to mark this season of penitence and self-reflection. The first thing you will notice is the appearance of the worship space. Throughout Lent, we use purple vestments and hangings (the church's traditional color of penitence). The church also has a more spartan look during the five Sundays of Lent to reflect the nature of the season – no altar flowers, crosses veiled in purple, and only the two tall candles on the altar.

After the opening hymn, the service begins with an opening acclamation between Celebrant and People that highlights the themes of forgiveness and mercy. The Penitential Order calls for the Confession of Sin to be said at the beginning of the liturgy rather than immediately before The Peace. Following long-standing tradition, the *Gloria in excelsis* ("Glory to God in the highest") is not sung during Lent. In its place, we sing the *Kyrie Eleison*, an ancient hymn calling upon God's mercy. The psalm is sung to plainsong chant with a congregational refrain. Finally, in place of a blessing the Celebrant says a prayer over the people. We trust that these seasonal changes will help make this Lent a more meaningful and profound spiritual experience for us all.

Our **Sunday Lenten Series** titled **Poverty: Homelessness, Hunger, & Health** continues today from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the church. This morning, Matt Pritchard, Executive Director of HomeStart joins us for a presentation and discussion on homelessness. The remaining schedule, which features a mix of parishioners and outside speakers, is:

- March 12 – Homelessness
- March 19 – Health
- March 26 – Face to Face: Stories from South Africa
- April 2 – Hunger
- April 9 (Palm Sunday) – Invitation to the Poverty Challenge for Holy Week

Join us on Saturday, March 25, for the next **Community of St. John's Breakfast**. Our guest speakers will be some of our South African travelers doing some "show and tell" about their recent Youth Group trip to South Africa. We meet at 8:30 am in UWH for some fine food prepared by our own executive chef and Sexton, Dorothy, and her crew. Good company, good food...what's not to love? Cost is \$5 per person. Please see the signup sheet near UWH. *Note...*there will also be a presentation on the South Africa trip the next day, Sunday, March 26 during the Lenten Series following the 10:00 am Eucharist.

Seeking Coffee Hour Volunteers to bring treats this Spring! Please take a moment to signup using the link: <http://signup.com/go/2MZ79Z>. Thank you in advance for keeping this ministry fresh and inviting for all. Contact Alyson Hussey (jahussey@comcast.net) or Kaja Fickes (danandkaja@yahoo.com) with any questions or for more information.

Lent Madness 2017 is in full swing! Log onto www.lentmadness.org during the weekdays of Lent to learn about different saints and cast your vote. The "winner" will be awarded the coveted Golden Halo. Check out the poster-sized bracket in Upper Weld Hall.

This Week at St. John's...

Sunday	12th	8 and 10 am	Second Sunday in Lent
		9:00 am	Newcomers Committee Meeting (Thayer)
		9:45 am	Sunday School, Nursery and Toddler Care
		10:00 am	Sunday School Special Needs Class
		11:30 am	Lenten Series (Church)
		11:30 am	Middle School Youth (LWH)
		5:00 pm	S.W.5 - Sunday Worship at 5 pm (UWH)
		6:00 pm	South Africa Meeting
Monday	13 th	7:00 pm	St. John's Book Club (Thayer Room)
Tuesday	14 th	10:00 am	Needlepoint Guild (Thayer Room)
		4:00 pm	St. John's Choristers (UWH)
		7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	15 th	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II/Bible Study
Thursday	16 th	11:00 am	Prayer Group (Church)
		7:30 pm	St. John's Choir (UWH)
Friday	17 th	7:00 am	Prayer Group (Church)
		10:00 am	Redeye with the Rector (Redeye Roasters)
Saturday	18 th	8:00 am	Altar Guild Breakfast/Training (UWH)
Sunday	19th	8 and 10 am	Third Sunday in Lent
		9:00 am	Outreach Meeting (UWH)
		9:45 am	Sunday School, Nursery and Toddler Care
		11:30 am	Lenten Series (Church)
		11:30 am	Middle School Youth (LWH)
		4:00 pm	Confirmation Class (LWH)
		5:00 pm	S.W.5 - Sunday Worship at 5 pm (UWH)

The next **Outreach Commission** meeting is next Sunday, March 19 in Upper Weld Hall at 9:00 am. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

The first **Epiphany School** dinner in which St. John's volunteers prepare and help serve dinner to students of Epiphany School in Dorchester, is scheduled for Monday, March 27. Volunteers who would like to participate should arrive in the St John's parking lot by 3:30 pm on the 27th to carpool to the school. The group will be back at St. John's a little after 7:00 pm. Contact Mark Banion (mbanion@mac.com) or Nancy Goldthwait (ngolthwai@aol.com) to sign up or if you have questions.

Faith Night at the Providence Bruins! A group from St. John's is attending the game between the Providence Bruins and Bridgeport Sound Tigers at 7:05 pm on Friday, April 7, at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence. Tickets are \$20 (which for youth includes a Bruins hat, popcorn, and drink). Sign up by March 22 on the table outside Upper Weld Hall or by contacting Father Noah. *This is open to everyone in the parish!*

**Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of
St. John the Evangelist:**

*We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship,
faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully
living out our faith in this community and the world.*

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