



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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

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 167. 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
Sue Turbak and Henry Goodhue

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

PRELUDE: Amazing Grace

George Shearing (1919-2011)

All stand to sing

HYMN 671: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

New Britain

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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

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

ANTIPHON



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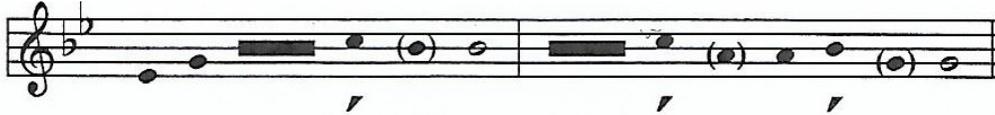
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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for hé is good, *
and his mercy endúres for éver.
 - 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redéemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hánd of thé foe.
 - 3 He gathered them out of the lánds; *
from the east and from the west,
from the nórth and fróm the south.
- ANTIPHON
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebéllious ways; *
they were afflicted becaúse of théir sins.
 - 18 They abhorred all manner of fód *
and drew néar to déath's door.
 - 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their tróuble, *
and he delivered thém from théir distress.
- ANTIPHON
- 20 He sent forth his word and héaled them *
and sáved them fróm the grave.
 - 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mércy *
and the wonders he dóes for his children.
 - 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his ácts with shóuts of joy.

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

The People stand to sing

SEQUENCE HYMN 532: How Wondrous and Great

Old 104th

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Noah Van Niel

All stand to recite

THE NICENE CREED

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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: Since by Man Came Death G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (from *Messiah*)

As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing
Hymn 686: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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.

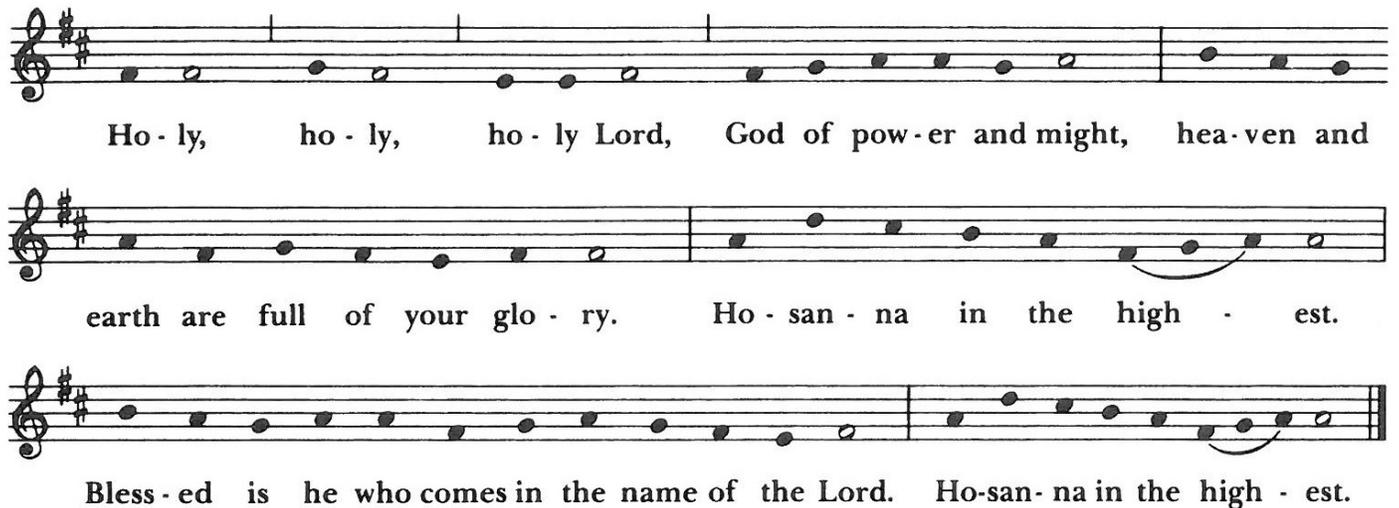
The Celebrant says the Proper Preface then continues:

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

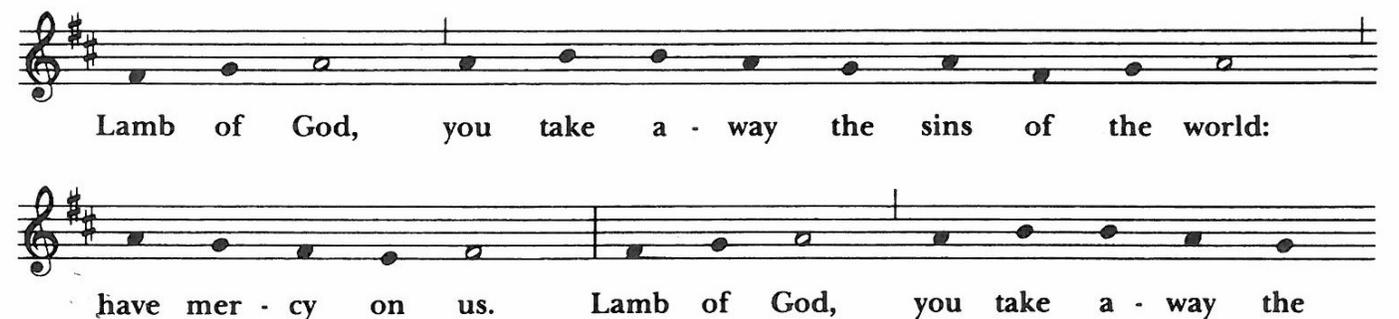
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

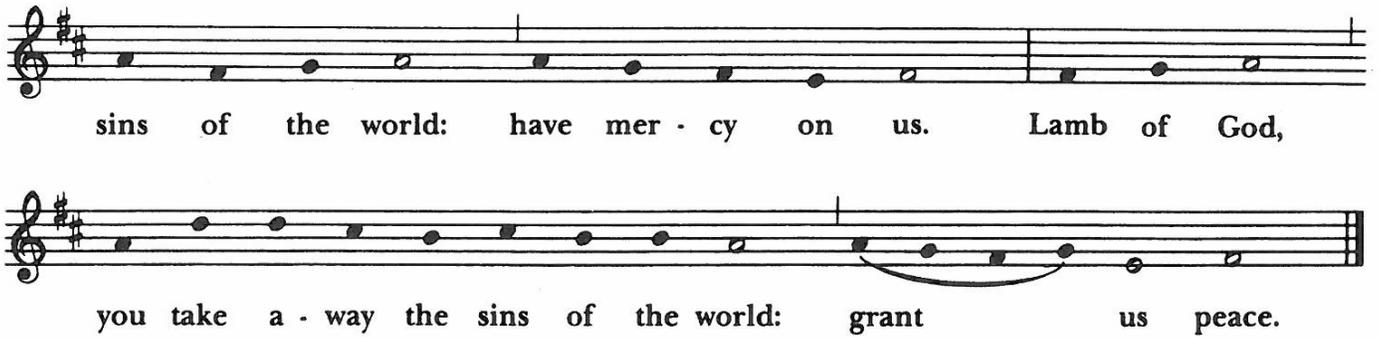
After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread all sing the

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



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: 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.

Communion Hymns

489: The Great Creator of the World

Tallis' Ordinal

467: Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

St. Bees

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.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant says a prayer over the people then all stand to sing

HYMN 473: Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Ach, wir armen Sünder

G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)

The Lenten Altar Arrangement is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of our choirs and organist/choirmaster.



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Noah Van Niel **Assisting Priest:** Sr. Adele Marie Ryan, SSM
Deacon Intern: Natalie Finstad **Verger:** Tom Daley **Readers:** Kaja Fickes, Vivian McIsaac
Intercessor: Anne Overbeck **Chalice Bearers:** Grace Galko, Zoe Bradford **Acolytes:** Paige Holtschlag, Allison Moore, William Buckley, Andrew Buckley **Altar Guild:** Allison Marshall
Ushers: Julie and Andrew Strehle.

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Mariclaire Buckley, Herb Cafarella, Betsy Bishop, Becky Case, Alec Clement, Chuck Clutz, Lloyd Emery, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Bonnie Russ, Tib Sherrill, 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, Sunday School or other aspects of St. John's, feel free to talk to an usher or member of the clergy. Also, please stop by our staffed Welcome Table, take a red visitor's packet to learn more about life at St. John's or fill out a pew card and place it in the collection plate. 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!

Our series titled **Back to Basics: The Bible**, continues with the first presentation on the New Testament this morning, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We conclude next Sunday, March 18. No previous knowledge of the Bible will be assumed and all are encouraged to attend.

Love the Bible - we're up to 25 bibles! The Outreach committee's *Love the Bible* initiative is raising money to replace bibles and copies of the Book of Common Prayer that were lost due to natural disasters in Haiti. So far we have raised enough for 25 bibles. Thank you!! Our goal is 80 bibles. Can you help? Each bible is approximately \$20. Look for our display to donate (either in the Thayer Room or at coffee hour) or send in a check made out to St. John's and marked Outreach bibles. Thank you!

Newcomers to St. John's are invited for cocktails, nibbles and conversation this afternoon in the Thayer Room, immediately following the SW5 service. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow parishioners. If you would like to attend, please contact Alexis (amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org).

This Week in Sunday School...the children are learning the lesson: *Two Ways to Live: Stories About Choices*. The St. John's Easter Egg Hunt will take place Easter Sunday, April 1st, immediately after the 9:00 am service. This year, the Hunt will be coordinated by Debi LaRocca and Liz Graham. If you would like to help prepare eggs, we would love your help! Simply stuff 50 plastic eggs with nut-free candy and deliver them to Alexis' office any time before Easter. Please let Debi and Liz know that you are preparing eggs to help with planning. They can be reached at debra_robison@hotmail.com and lzvermont@gmail.com. Thanks so much! For more information about Sunday School please contact director, Alexis MacElhiney at amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org.

March for Our Lives: More than 430 people have been shot in 273 school attacks since the one at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012 and three of the 10 deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history took place in the last five months. On **Saturday, March 24** in Washington DC, Boston, and across the country, a movement of Americans led by the young survivors of the most recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida will walk in unity, hoping to stem this tide of violence through public action. In response to a call from our Bishops, Massachusetts Episcopalians are organizing teams to march at the events in both DC and Boston for we believe by speaking out, and faithfully working together we can end senseless gun violence and help build safer communities. If you'd like to participate in either of those marches, or for more information, contact The Rev. Deacon Mary Beth Emerson at rdmb55@gmail.com or Fr. Noah as soon as possible.

Lent at St. John's. Throughout the Sundays in Lent you'll encounter several liturgical changes to mark this season of penitence and self-reflection. In the worship space 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 before The Peace. 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.

Parishioner, **Kate Emery's** new book, *Eighty is the New Forty*, is available on the table near UWH. A portion of the proceeds from book sales goes to the South Africa Youth project.

Lent Madness, a bracket-style tournament featuring 32 saints started by Father Tim in 2010 is now in full swing. To participate in this online devotion, simply 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.



Upcoming Dates at St. John's...

Deadline for Easter Flower Memorials: Palm Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion – March 25

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I with the Blessing of the Palms

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the Blessing of the Palms

5:00 pm – Liturgy of the Palms – S.W.5

Wednesday of Holy Week – March 28

10:00 am – Contemplative Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – March 29

4:00 pm – Children's Maundy Thursday Service

7:30 pm – Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot Washing/Stripping of Altar

9:00 pm – The Watch takes place in the Chapel until Midnight

Good Friday – March 30

12:00 pm – Spoken Liturgy of the Day

2:00 pm – Stations of the Cross at Glastonbury Abbey

4:00 pm – Children's Good Friday Service

7:30 pm – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with sung Passion/Communion

Holy Saturday – March 31

10:00 am – Liturgy of the Day

The Great Vigil of Easter – March 31

7:30 pm - The Great Paschal Vigil with The First Eucharist of Easter,
followed by a Champagne & Jelly Bean Reception!

Easter Day: Sunday of the Resurrection – April 1

7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Hymns

9:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Children's Choir

Easter Egg hunt between the services

11:00 am – Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II with St. John's Choir

**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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