

**St. John's Lenten Season Program**  
**Tuesdays • 6:15 PM**  
**February 28**  
**March 7, 14, 21, 28**

Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM  
 Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:30 PM  
 "The Abolitionists" at 7:30 PM

Join us after our Lenten Suppers for a video series and conversations in five parts - studying the lives and missions of five faithful, yet utterly different, crusaders who confronted the seminal paradox of our nation's history: slavery. Strengthened and informed by their deep Christian faith, Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Angelina Grimké, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and John Brown, (the eloquent eyewitness, the tireless yet frustrated newspaper publisher, the repentant slave owner, the world-changing storyteller, and the failed anti-slavery jihadist), became the conscience of a nation and the winner of people's hearts and minds.

Each night a part of the American Experience documentary, *The Abolitionists*, will be viewed followed by a discussion led by Fr. Patrick, drawing on his scholarship and years of experience teaching U.S. Religious History. Our conversations will focus on how these abolitionists' faith led them to have an impact in their world in deeply dividing and volatile issues, and where they succeeded and failed in their impact and lives' work.



**BULLETINS:** You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://stjohnsouthampton.org) The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

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*The Temptation of Jesus by Gustav Doré*

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<u>Sunday Services</u>	<u>Weekday Services</u>
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I	<b>Monday – Friday</b>
9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II	7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I
11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer, Rite I	6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	<b>Wednesday</b>
(1st Sundays each month)	10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 26, 2023 • 8:00 A.M.**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

**The Decalogue**

*The People kneel*

*Celebrant* God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Honor thy father and thy mother.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt do no murder.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not steal.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

## *Announcements*

**Sunday Adult Formation**  
Sundays • 10 AM  
*Dante's Divine Comedy &*  
*C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce*  
Journeys through the Afterlife reveal how to live in this life.



In the 14th century, Dante Alighieri wrote the greatest epic poem of human history, tracing a mythical journey through Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven that was representative of the medieval worldview as it existed. Over the seven hundred years since this work was completed, it has been recognized as representing the soul's journey towards God from our recognition and rejection of sin (Inferno), the penitent life of the Christian (Purgatorio), and finally the soul's ascent to God (Paradiso).

Written by C.S. Lewis in 1945, *The Great Divorce* is a vision in which Lewis reflects on the Christian conceptions of Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell. A classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from Hell and Purgatory to Heaven. It is an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis changes the way we think about good and evil, salvation and damnation, in this life and the next.

Join Fr. Patrick in the Parish Hall on Sundays at 10 AM, to delve into these two insightful and famous works searching for the nature, struggles, and victories of our lives here and after death. Important parallels between the two famous works will be examined as well as the common lessons about the here and the hereafter.

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**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we have been sending out a weekly e-newsletter. If you, or someone you know would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org) or sign up from our website's homepage.

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## Verse of the Week

**“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.”**

Genesis 2:15

## “Quote of the Week”



**“The shortest answer is doing.”**

George Herbert  
English poet, orator, and priest of the Anglican Church  
d. 1 March 1633



## Dedications

**The flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen de la Gueronniere by Mr. and Mrs Rafe de la Gueronniere**

*Celebrant* Thou shalt not covet.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto God,  
*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*  
**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

### The Collect

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis by the prophet Moses.

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.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32

*Beati quorum*

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.

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

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And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant and people pray together.*

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **Agnus Dei**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Grant us thy peace.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;**

**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.**

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 5:12-19*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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

*People*           **Thanks be to God**

### **The Gospel**

*Matthew 4:1-11*

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

*People:*   **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.'"

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## The Liturgy of the Table

### The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praised be to Thee, O Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;**

**and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael; our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence; Bishop of Long Island, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President; Kathy, Our Governor, and Jesse our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Comforting Sentences

### The Peace

*Officiant*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

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