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**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

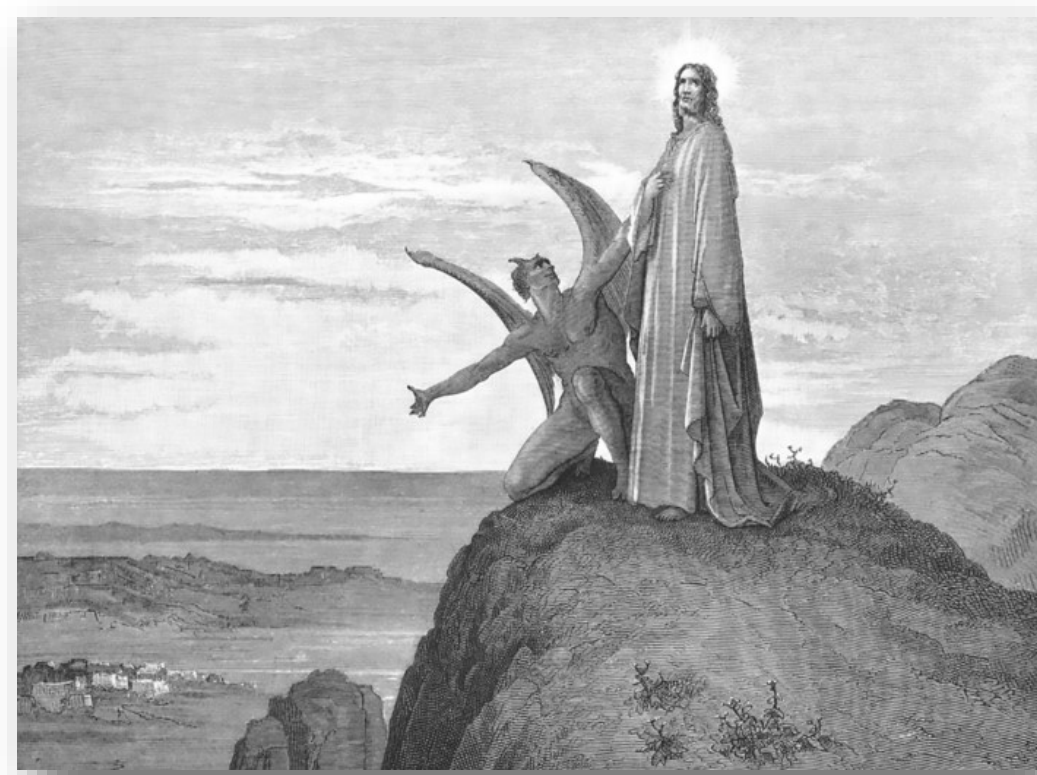
Join us after our Lenten Suppers for a video series and conversations in five parts - studying the lives and missions of five faithful, yet utterly different, crusaders who confronted the seminal paradox of our nation's history: slavery. Strengthened and informed by their deep Christian faith, Frederick 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.



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*The Temptation of Jesus by Gustav Doré*

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 Facebook Live: [Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton)

<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 • 11:00 A.M.

Opening Hymn 150

*Forty days and forty nights*



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

*Joel 2:13*

**Confession**

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may

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**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 or sign up from our website's homepage.

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Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

*Officiant and People*

**And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

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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**

prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,**

**we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

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.**

## Blessing and Departure of the Children

### Opening sentence and invitatory

*Officiant*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People*

**And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

*People*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory

*People*

**O come, let us adore him.**

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**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.

**Closing Hymn 563**

*Go forward, Christian soldier*

Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, be - neath his ban - ner true:  
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the se - cret foe;  
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, nor dream of peace - ful rest,  
Go for-ward, Chris-tian sol-dier, fear not the gath-ering night:

the Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, shall all thy foes sub - due.  
far more o'er thee are watch - ing than hu - man eyes can know:  
till Sa - tan's host is van - quished and heaven is all pos - sessed;  
the Lord has been thy shel - ter; the Lord will be thy light.

His love fore - tells thy tri - als; he knows thine hour - ly need;  
trust on - ly Christ, thy Cap - tain; cease not to watch and pray;  
till Christ him - self shall call thee to lay thine ar - mor by,  
When morn his face re - veal - eth thy dan - gers all are past:

he can with bread of hea - ven thy faint - ing spi - rit feed.  
heed not the treach-erous voic - es that lure thy soul a - stray.  
and wear in end - less glo - ry the crown of vic - to - ry.  
O pray that faith and vir - tue may keep thee to the last!



A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

### *Matthew 4:1-11*

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.'"

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

### **Sermon**

#### **The Offertory**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### **Distribution from the Reserve Sacrament**

#### **The Blessing**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

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

A Lesson from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Here endeth the Lesson

***Benedictus es, Domine***

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Second Lesson**

*Romans 5:12-19*

A lesson 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

**Sermon Hymn 559**

***Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us***

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

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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.

Here endeth the Lesson

### *Jubilate Deo Psalm 100*

**O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;**

**it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \***

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving**

**and into his courts with praise; \***

**be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious;**

**his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

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

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

### **Suffrages A**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

### **Intercessions**

#### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

#### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**