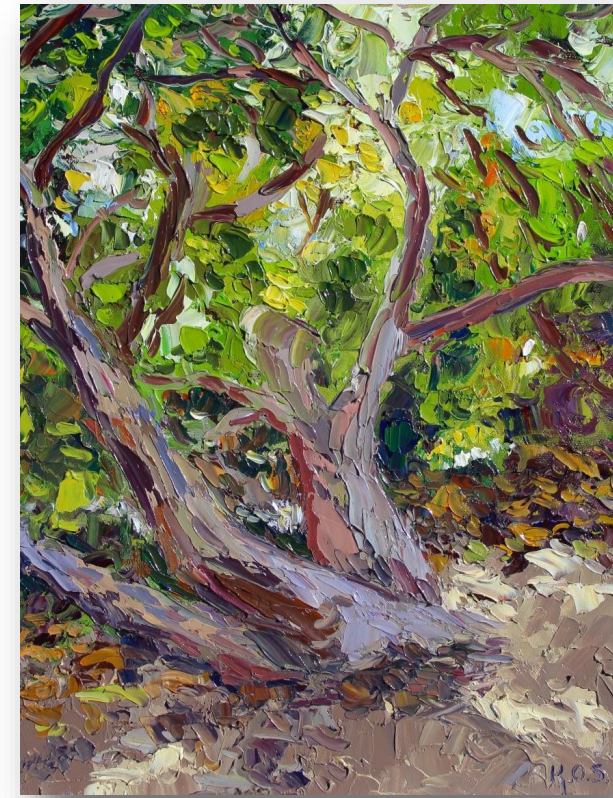


Fr. Patrick's 10 AM Sunday class will resume January 28, 2024. You can read more about "How We Should Read the Bible – The Genesis Story" on our website.

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*The Fig Tree* by Kristin Olson Stone

# How should we read the Bible - The Genesis Story: Reading Old Testament Narratives



**Join us at the 10:00 "Adult Formation Hour" on Sundays beginning 3 December 2023.**

**Reading the Bible is not merely something we "ought" to do, but is required of us as able and faithful Christians.** St Paul himself called the Bible "the Sword of the Spirit" in his letter to the Ephesians, and the catechism of the Episcopal Church states, "We call the Bible the Word of God because God inspired its human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible."

**But HOW should we read the Bible?**

In an ongoing series in this academic year, Fr Patrick will be addressing this very question, beginning with the first book of the Bible, Genesis, and by extension the important genre of Old Testament Narratives.

As a vehicle for this first topic we will use a teaching video series conducted by Professor of English Justin A. Jackson and Professor of Politics and History Larry P. Arnn, both of Hillsdale College in Michigan.

**Genesis is a book of fundamental importance for the Jewish and Christian faiths and has exerted a profound influence on Western Civilization.** In addition to being a great religious text, it is also a literary masterpiece.

These lectures explore some of the work's major narrative themes, including the complex relationship between God and man, the consequences of a rupture in that relationship, and the path towards reconciliation.

**We hope to see you there!**


Services are available online through  
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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


Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 14, 2024 • 11:00 AM

Processional Hymn 477 *All praise to thee, for thou, O Kind divine*


*Descant*




5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord




1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord




Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

“Quote of the Week”



“He by Whom man was made had nothing to gain by becoming Man; it was our gain that God was incarnate and dwelt among us, making all flesh His home by taking upon Him the flesh of One. We were raised because He was lowered; shame to Him was glory to us.”

Hilary of Poitiers  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
d. 367

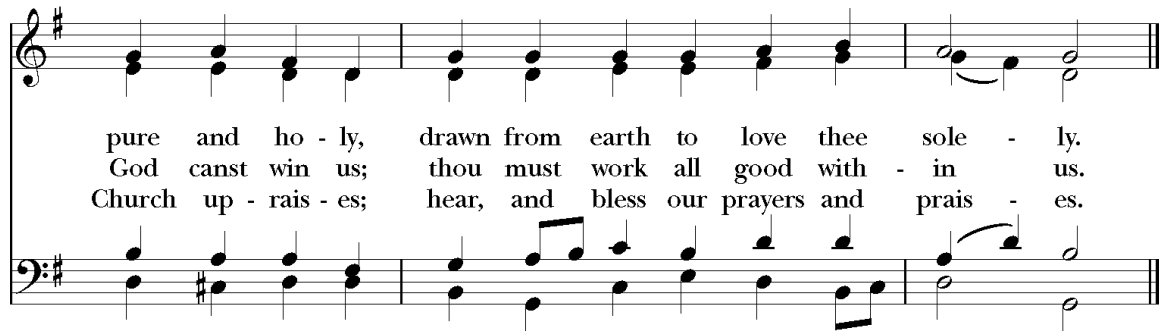
Announcements

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's Homepage at [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://stjohnsouthampton.org). You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

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pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

*Officiant:* 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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## Dedications

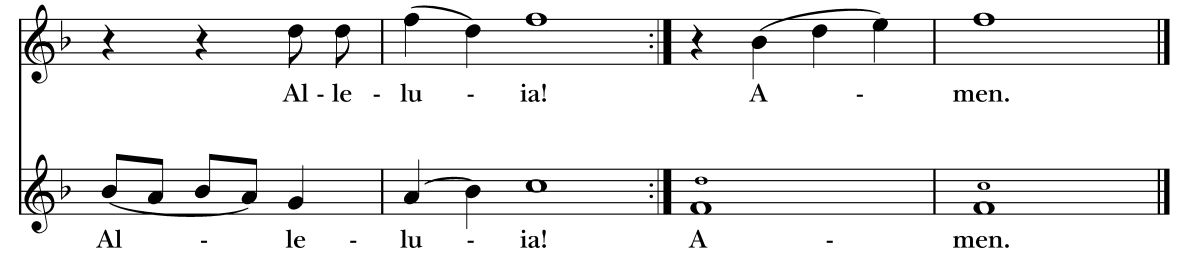
**The flowers at the Altar this month were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Warren G. Hamer given by Lyn Hamer.**



## Verse of the Week

**“Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.”**

1 Samuel 3:1



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.  
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I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

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 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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**



*The Priest alone stands and says*

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.

## Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*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.**

## 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.

the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

## Sermon

The Rev'd W. Patrick Edward

## 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.**

## Closing Hymn 440

*Bless'd Jesus, at they word*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

Sermon Hymn 126

*The people who in darkness walked*

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

**Gospel**

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint John.

*John 1:43-51*

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

*Domine, probasti*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
 and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
 while I was being made in secret  
 and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
 all of them were written in your book; \*  
 they were fashioned day by day,  
 when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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

*1 Samuel 3:1-20*

A Lesson from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He

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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## Announcements

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 Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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;  
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.**

said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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.  
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

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

A Lesson from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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.**