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St. John's Episcopal Church Lenten Suppers Series

Tuesdays • February 20, 27 • March 5, 12, 19

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**Schedule Update: We will have only ONE service next Sunday.**

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



February 25, 2024

Immediately after the 10 AM Service

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
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*The Blind Girl* by John Everett Millais

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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	6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I
Holy Eucharist, Rite I first Sundays of the month	<b>Wednesday</b>
	10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024 • 9:00 AM

Processional Hymn 143

*The glory of these forty days*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Opening Acclamation

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

Confession

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

Verse of the Week

“Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God”

1 Peter 3:18

Quote of the Week



“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.”

Martin Luther

German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor, Augustinian friar, the seminal figure of the Protestant Reformation, and founder of Lutheranism  
d. 18 February 1546

Announcements

**MAUREEN’S HAVEN:** Our next opportunity for service will be on Saturday, March 9th. We’ll provide lunch or pre-packaged snacks, drinks and desserts for our friends. If you’re able to help, please meet us at St. John’s to pack everything up and then drop off at Presbyterian Church. Please reach out to Florence Rolston if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to spread God’s love to our neighbors in need.

**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).

us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Closing Hymn 147

*Now let us all with one accord*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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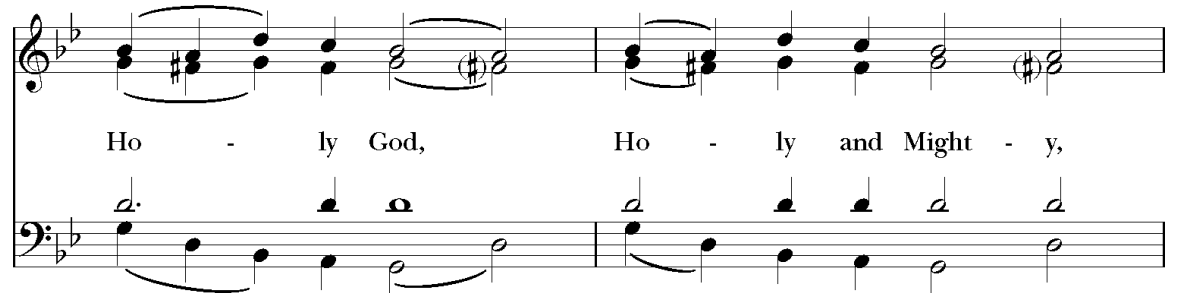
*For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Patrick at 404-660-3592.*

*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* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Trisagion



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on 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 by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Genesis 9:8-17*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

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

## Postcommunion Hymn 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea-ven spreads its van-guard  
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with  
trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de-  
sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the  
mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand  
ves-ture, in the Bo-dy and the Blood  
scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,  
Pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,  
Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth,  
he will give to all the faith-ful  
that the powers of hell may va-nish  
'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
our full hom-age to de-mand  
his own self for heaven-ly food  
as the dark-ness clears a-way.  
Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Officiant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant**

the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)**

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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.

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

**1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.**

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.**

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

**7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

**Gospel 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,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at

# The Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.  
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves  
alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

*Celebrant and People*



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



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

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

## The Gospel

*Mark 1:9-15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.  
And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit  
descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the  
Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness  
forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on  
him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,  
and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and  
believe in the good news."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards**

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;  
Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence our diocesan bishop;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially  
Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and Bill, our Mayor;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Announcements