

The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST
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26 FEBRUARY 2023, 10:00 AM

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MOBILE, ALABAMA

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

About the Mass


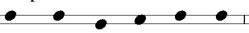
Lent is the season when the Church prepares to celebrate Holy Baptism at the Easter Triduum, the Great Three Days. During Lent the Church invites her members to participate in the works of the Spirit that will help bring to faith those who are preparing to die and to rise in Christ. For those who are already baptized, prayer, penance and active works of mercy are the ordinary means by which the Christian community helps its members prepare for the Triduum.

Except on the Fourth Sunday in Lent (when rose vestments are worn), the altar flowers are simplified and the organ is played only to support singing. The ordinary weekdays of Lent are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial in commemoration of the crucifixion of the Lord. In addition, the ordinary Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meats. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of strict fasting and abstinence.



THE GREAT LITANY

At the sound of the bell, all stand. The choir and the ministers of the assembly make their way to the chancel as the Celebrant and People sing the litany.



Hymnal S67

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

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 


O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 



Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

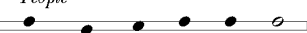
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the


devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.</p>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.</p>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
<p>O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.</p>	

The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

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The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by 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

The Lessons

The People are seated. The first Lesson, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, is now read

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 Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

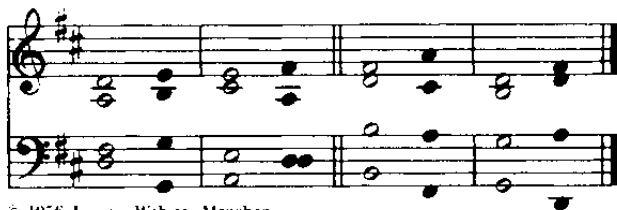
Thanks be to God.

The Congregation prays Psalm 32,

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 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**.
- 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**.

The second lesson, Romans 5:12-19, is now read

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 Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 148

Creator of the earth and skies

Effingham

All Stand and sing as the Gospel procession moves to the center of the nave.



1. Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
5. Teach us _ to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



wise; grant us _ your power to make us _ strong.
word, and turn _ our dark - ness in - to _ day.

The Holy Gospel

The Minister proclaims the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The appointed Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11, is now proclaimed.

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.

After the Gospel, the Minister says

Minister ✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

Ms. Lella Lowe

The Nicene Creed

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The Celebrant and people stand and join in saying:

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

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The people may stand or kneel. A minister bids the prayers of the assembly.

The Exhortation and Confession of Sin

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

The Peace

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The Celebrant says

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.

Announcements

The Congregation may be seated for the announcements.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Creation will be at peace

Text: J. Paul Williams

Music: Anna Laura Page

The Congregation stands and sings the Doxology while the ushers bring forward the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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,

The Congregation joins in saying the Sanctus

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 stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

The Celebrant continues

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

always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to share in receiving the Body and Blood of Our Lord. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing.

During the distribution of communion, the Congregation sings the Communion Hymn.

Hymn 323

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Lenten Solemn Prayer over the People

The Celebrant gives the invitation, saying

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Then, facing the people, the Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the People stand and sing the retiring processional hymn.

Hymn 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The Dismissal

The Minister dismisses the assembly, saying

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

LOOKING AHEAD

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 5TH

Christian Formation Hour in the Great Hall @ 8:45am

Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 10:00AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 12TH

Christian Formation Hour in the Great Hall @ 8:45am

Morning Prayer Rite I @ 10:00AM

(Guest preacher Rev. Deacon Terry Goff)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 19TH

Christian Formation Hour in the Great Hall @ 8:45am

A Service of Holy Communion @ 10:00AM

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 26TH

Christian Formation Hour in the Great Hall @ 8:45am

Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 10:00AM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers in Christ: Bootsie Cieutat, Marie Brown, Bob Anderson, Kathe Gieseler, Mike Barbour, Fran Barbour, David Rich, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang, Budd McLean.

Our sister that cannot be with us: Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Lenora Cadden, Donna Latham, Sheila Cassity Granger, Elizabeth Cruz, Barbara Bonner, Betty Boudreaux, Evina Valera, David Brunner, Mary Horner, Darrell Thaxton, Susan Hansen, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Peggy Sheffield, Helen Guthrie, Eddie Hun, Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg, Tiffany Matthews, Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Paul Nelson, John Switzer (priest).

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:
Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt,
Jacob Hester-Heard, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner,
Eric Mattoon.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Celebrant..... Fr. John Talbert
First Lesson Lector.....Janet Buckley
Second Lesson Lector.....Paula Ross
Intercessor Mary Sheffield
Lay Eucharistic MinistersLee Dorsey & Br. Jacob Luke
Altar Guild..... Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Vestry Tellers..... Connie Anderson & Janet Buckley

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Are given by Lella Lowe
to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the
people and ministries of St. John's

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today	8:45AM	Christian Formation Hour
	10:00AM	Holy Eucharist: Lent 1
	11:15AM	Potluck Lunch in the Great Hall
Wednesday	7:00PM	Choir
Sunday	8:45AM	Christian Formation Hour
	10:00AM	Holy Eucharist: Lent 2
	11:15AM	Fellowship in the Great Hall

The church office is open weekly on Tuesdays from 9AM to 3PM. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call Fr John at 205-354-3699.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

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