



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, 2023**  
**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
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**OPENING HYMN**      *As longs the deer* Hymnal 658

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

**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 set forth his 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*

*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.*

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE**

*All stand*

*Officiant*      Lord, open our lips.

*People*          *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **ANTIPHON**

*Officiant:*

Today, if you would hear God's voice: harden not your hearts.

## **INVITATORY**

*Officiant and People:*

*O God, be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

## **PSALM: Psalm 95**

*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the Officiant:*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>*In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.*

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

<sup>8</sup>*Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.*

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>*Forty years long I detested that generation and said,*

*“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”*

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath,  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said, Officiant and People:*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **FIRST READING**

Sherran Davis

#### **Exodus 17:1-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

#### **Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence**

*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

*Officiant and People:*

*O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring: You made the heavens and the earth, with all their vast array.*

*All things quake with fear at your presence; they tremble because of your power. But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; it surpasses all that our minds can fathom. O Lord, you are full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. You hold back your hand; you do not punish as we deserve. In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \* that they may repent of their sin and be saved. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \* and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \* and I know my wickedness only too well. Therefore I make this prayer to you: Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. Do not let me perish in my sin, nor condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, and in me you will show forth your goodness. Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life. For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.*

## **SECOND READING**

Flo Webster

### **Romans 5:1-11**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.<sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.<sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.<sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.<sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL HYMN- *Jesus Lover of my Soul*- LEVAS 79**

## THIRD READING

Andrew Hales

### John 4:5-42

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

Silence-Homily -Testimony

Michael Proscia

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

### **SUFFRAGES**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. *For we put our trust in you.*  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

### **FIRST COLLECT**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **SECOND COLLECT**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

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

### **HYMN- *Glorious things of thee are spoken*- Hymnal 522**

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two*



*or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN- *I to the hills will lift mine eyes-* Hymnal 668**

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

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*

*During Lent we invite worshippers to leave the service in silence or quiet.*

## Parish Notes

**At 10:00 AM : Join us via Zoom March 12, 2023** You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

**Please subscribe to our email:** Complete information about what is happening at St. John's can be received in your inbox just by signing up for our weekly email. (If you do not get email, we can make arrangements for you to get a copy of the weekly news). To sign up, please email us at [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study Continues** on zoom and in person. Join us at 7 PM as we begin reading John's epistles (1-3 John). Join us at the same zoom address used for Sunday worship. Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfulgD8>

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER -March 15, 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family starting next Wednesday evening. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

### Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

### Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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**It is not too late to pledge for 2023:** To pledge right now, please email the church office at [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org). Your pledges help us to plan for St John's mission and ministry. We rely on pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our

programming and outreach. If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God's work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we are all called to follow. We are grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.

### **Sunday March 12, 2023**

Organist: Toku Kawata

Readers: Sherran Davis and Flo Webster

Verger: Richard Pfleger

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Church Administrator: Terry Glover

Vestry Members

Linda Cage, Outreach

Daniel Hudson, Hospitality

Archie Polk, Evangelism

Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden

Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

Val Valverde, Worship & Music

Sherran Davis, Clerk

Richard Pfleger, Treasurer



*Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15,16*

**O Gracious Light:  
Contemplative Evening Prayer**

**5 PM on Sundays during Lent**  
**Featuring acoustic & Taize music and poetry**  
***Come sing, pray and be present to God's love.***



*Easter Sunday*  
**at St. John's College Park**

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10- AM Festive Easter Eucharist  
1130- AM- Sunday Pot Luck Brunch

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