



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP)

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WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Unto Thee, I Cry, O Lord Jesus

by J.S. Bach

The congregation is invited to kneel when the bell rings

DECALOGUE

The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling or standing as able.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *God's mercy endures for ever.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Response

The trisagion is sung 3 times.

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

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system covers 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Jessica Walters

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 130- *Prayed responsively, beginning with the Celebrant.*
Remain seated.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 *If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?*
3 For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.
4 *I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.*
5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6 *O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;*
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their
sins.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:6-11

Richard Pflieger

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 508- Breathe on me Breath of God*

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were

with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

THE 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 congregation kneels or remains standing, as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Spring

Siblings-in-Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, “We call to you, O Lord; *Lord, hear our voice.*”

Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope.

Silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places.

Silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city. Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us.

Silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe and Claude Lindsey.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection. We pray today for Joe Monti.

Silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We end the peace by singing:

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Hymn- O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing- Hymnal 493

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

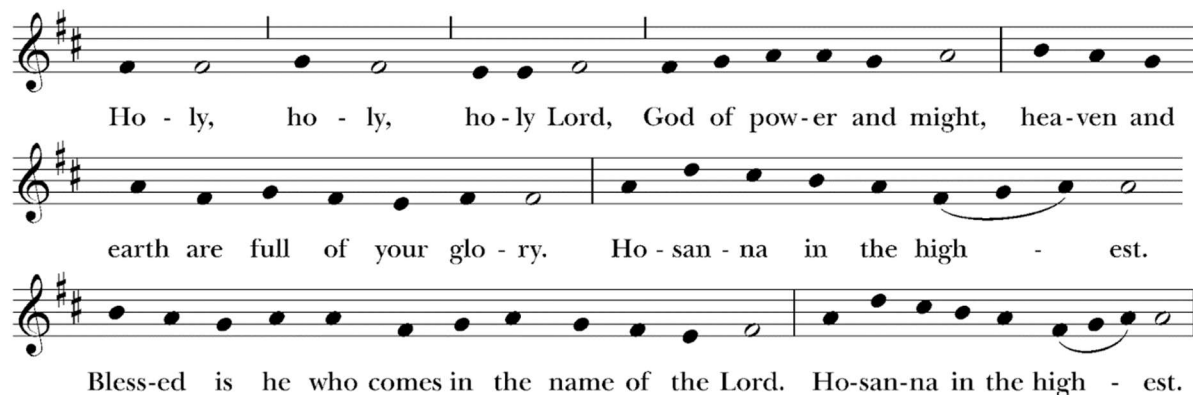
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. On the night Christ was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper, Christ took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Congregation: We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ’s coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Congregation: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)*
(Plainsong/Douglas)

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



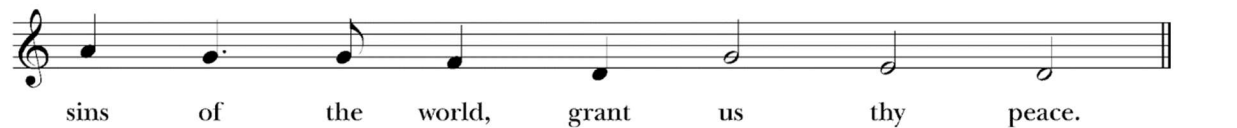
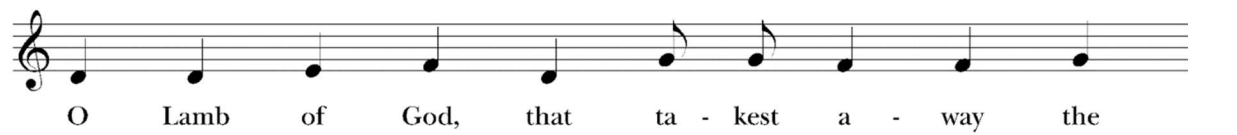
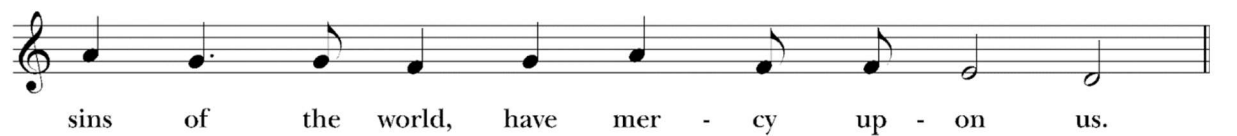
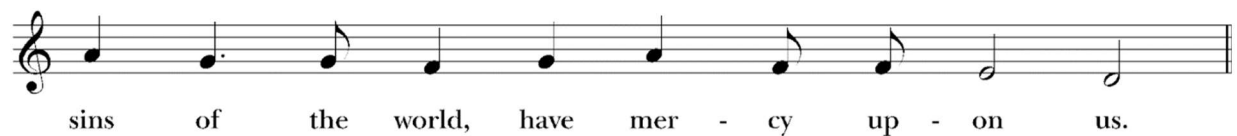
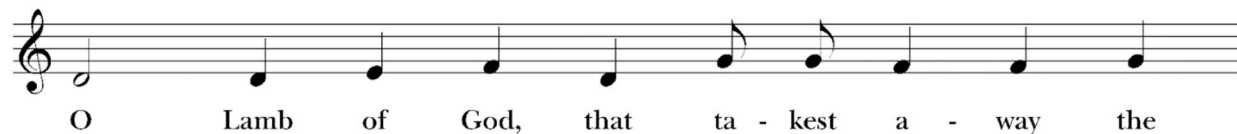
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Congregation: *Therefore, Let us keep the feast.*

FRACTION ANTHEM- S 169



INVITATION

The Celebrant says

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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either priest intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can

communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire priest intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.

COMMUNION HYMN – *Come Ye Disconsolate- LEVAS 147*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayers Over the People

Priest: Bow down before the Lord

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always, *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *All my Hope on God is Founded- Hymnal 665*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

During the season of Lent it is our practice to leave the Sanctuary in quiet or silence following the conclusion of the service.

PARISH NOTES

At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom March 26, 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.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH CLEANUP APRIL 1, 9:30 – 1:00 pm

We are blessed to have a very generous anonymous donor who has paid to have the inside of our church painted. The work has provided an amazing refresh for our church. We've had our first cleanup date and it was very successful. Our second date is coming up on Saturday April 1st. Please join us as we give our church a thorough cleaning for Easter. We will convene at 9:30 – 1:00 pm. Bring paper towels, rubber gloves and any other cleaning supplies you like to use.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER -March 22, 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family. 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

Bible Study WEDNESDAY at 7 PM.

Bible study will continue Wednesday (March 22) with our study on The Revelation. Come join us for a fresh look at this often-abused and misunderstood book of scripture at 7 PM online and in-person. Use the zoom for Sunday Morning for bible study.

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

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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Sunday March 26, 2023

Organist: Toku Kawata
Readers: Jessica Walters & Richard Pflieger
Prayers of the People: Mike Spring
Verger: Val Valverde
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 Pflieger, Treasurer



Easter Sunday
at St. John's College Park



Join us on April 9th
7 am- Sunrise Vigil Service in the Front Courtyard and Church
10- AM Festive Easter Eucharist
1130- AM- Sunday Pot Luck Brunch

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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.