



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

The First Sunday of Lent+ February 18, 2024

Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

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Welcome to St. John's. During Lent, we will be using a simplified bulletin. All service music, hymns, and prayers can be found in either of our two hymnals and our Book of Common Prayer. More detailed help can be found below. If you get lost, no worries. It is all prayer! There are also people with name badges who can help you.

Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together at St. John's. We want to be known as a place that practices the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus and where it is apparent that "God thinks you are fabulous - and so do we." Let us know on a visitor card if you are interested in membership or baptism and we will be in touch about next steps. Please say hello, and come have some coffee after church in the Hospitality Suite after church. Take a look at our announcements insert for ongoing activities and please come and join us in our journey to be Christ-followers.

Children are always welcome. We even have a "kids spot" in the lobby with books, coloring pages and stuffed animals. The noise does not bother anyone. If you feel uncomfortable, you are welcome to sit with your child in the Kids Spot or can find comfy seats in the hospitality suite.

Restrooms are through either of the doors at the front of the Church. Either go down the hall (on the right) or across the hall (on the left) to the Hospitality Suite.

WORD OF GOD

S (service music) can be found in the front of the Blue Hymnal.

Hymnal= The Blue Hymnal - 1982 Hymnal

LEVAS= The Red and Black Hymnal - Lift Every Voice and Sing

BCP= Book of Common Prayer (The Red Book in the Pew Rack)

GREAT LITANY Hymnal S-67 (front of Blue Hymnal)

All kneel, as able upon the ringing of the bell.

The Choir and Altar Party enter in solemn procession.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY- BCP 325

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 LESSONS

The congregation is seated.

First Reading- Genesis 9:8-17 - 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."

After both readings:

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Second Reading- 1 Peter 3:18-22- 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.

Sequence Hymn- Forty Days and Forty Nights -Blue Hymnal 150

The Congregation stands for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

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."

The Homily- The Rev. Tim Black

The Nicene Creed- BCP 326

The Prayers of the People- BCP 328

The Confession- BCP 330

The Absolution and Peace- BCP 332

Announcements, Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN *Yield Not to Temptation*- LEVAS 170

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA- BCP 333

PROPER PREFACE - BCP 346

THE SANCTUS S- 124

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer **BCP 334**

THE LORD'S PRAYER- S-119

THE FRACTION ANTHEM - S-161

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS- BCP 337

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS: *We share communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or drinking from the common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine, or put your hands in a prayer position for a blessing. For healing prayers, simply remain at the rail after receiving and we will pray for you. If you cannot come to the rail, a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to you.*

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Eternal Father Strong to Save* Hymnal 608

THE POST EUCHARISTIC PRAYER- BCP 339

THE DISMISSAL- BCP 339

During Lent, you are asked to exit quietly. You are also welcome to remain in the church for silent prayer. There will be no postlude.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Hospitality Suite.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 18, 2024

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT at 5:00- Come join us for a small, informal, “acoustic”-taize-paperless music Evening Prayer each Sunday during Lent. Rather than just giving up something, add a new prayer discipline and come sing, pray and chant with us.

Worship Changes for Lent- We will pray our oldest Eucharistic prayer, Rite 1, and use simplified bulletins. This will mean we will use the prayer book instead of bulletins. Veteran Episcopal worshippers will spread out in the congregation (and be clearly identified with name badges) for anyone who needs help. .

For more information or to volunteer as a helper, please email priest@stjohnscollegepark.org

NEW AFTER-HOURS PASTORAL CARE NUMBER If you have a pastoral emergency after regular office hours, you are invited to call **404-482-0192**. If no one answers, leave a message and be sure to leave a return number and also the nature of the emergency, if possible.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: **3/24- 10 AM** Palm/Passion Sunday **3/27- 5:30 PM** Simple soup supper 6:30 “Mini Tenebrae” with chanting and simple music, **3/28- 7 PM-** Maundy Thursday w/ footwashing and stripping of the altar **3/29- 12 PM-** Neighborhood Stations of the Cross **7:00 PM-** Good Friday service with Eucharist with reserved sacrament **3/31- Easter Sunday- 7 AM** - Easter Vigil **10 AM-** Festive Eucharist followed by Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study Dinner at 5:30 and bible study at 6:30. Email info@stjohnscollegepark.org to let us know how many are coming. Bible Study is available on zoom, just use the same Zoom as Sunday morning. We are studying the lectionary scriptures and think about how they link up thematically (and what they might be telling us here at St. John’s). During Lent, we will look at historic Christian Spiritual Practices and learn about a new one each week.

Subscribe to Eagle Notes at www.stjohnscollegepark.org, scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and click the link to sign up. nscollegepark.org

We have many online Prayer and Fellowship Groups during the week: “Second Cup” – online fellowship time- Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM - Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfрукhфurgD8>

Please send in your pledges for 2024. It is never too late to pledge.. Fill out a pledge card at church or download one on our homepage at www.stjohnscollegepark.org. **Give by Texting-** Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480. You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. Vestry:

Val Valverde, Senior Warden
Daniel Hudson, Junior Warden, Hospitality

Archie Polk, Evangelism and Community Engagement
Michael Spring, Worship & Music
Becky Folkes, Parish Life
Emily Boyle, Clerk + Richard Pflieger, 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*

Contemplative Evening Prayer

5 pm Saint Johns College Park

Sundays during Lent

Featuring Taize and acoustic music

*Come sing, pray and be present to
God's Love in our beautiful church*

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