

God thinks you are fabulous, and so do we.

The Third Sunday of Lent+ March 3, 2024

Rite 1 Holy Eucharist

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 (BCP).. 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 with St. John's. We want to practice the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus, making it plain 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 the 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 the church. We welcome all children (even squirmy or noisy ones). 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 (hallway to the front left of the Church.

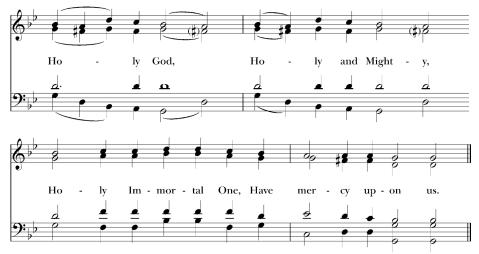
Restrooms are through either of the doors at the front of the Church. Either go down the hall (on the right) or across the hall (on the left) to the Hospitality Suite.

Please enter quietly. During Lent there will not be a musical prelude. The congregation stands on the ringing of the bell as the procession enters with: **DECALOGUE** (BCP p. 317)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP 319)

A PENITENTIAL ORDER (BCP 319)

RESPONSE The Trisagion - Repeat 3 times.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 167)

Celebrant People The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

The people sit.

THE LESSONS and READINGS- (BCP 326)

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

All stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel **SEQUENCE HYMN** - There is a Balm in Gilead (LEVAS- 203)

THE GOSPEL: John 2: 13-22

THE SERMON- The Rev. Tim Black After the sermon, there follows a short period of silence.

THE CREED- (BCP 326)

The congregation kneels or remains standing, as able, for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THE HOLY COMMUNION (BCP 333)

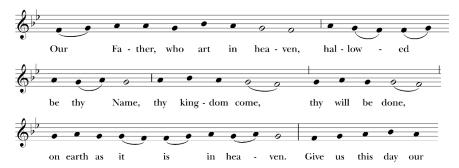
OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

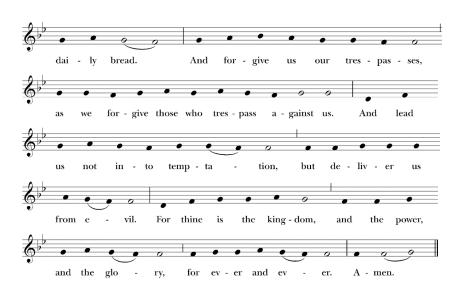
OFFERTORY HYMN - How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord- (Hymnal 636)



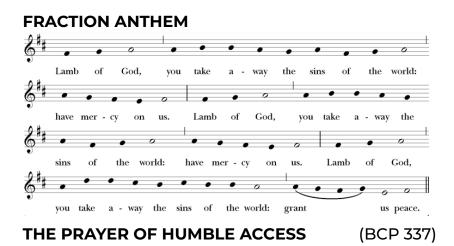
The Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic prayer on pages 334-336

The Lord's Prayer





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP 337)



INVITATION (BCP 338)

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

COMMUNION HYMN Amazing Grace (Hymnal 671)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339) LENTEN PRAYER

Priest: Bow down before the Lord. The people kneel or stand, as able

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus (H 495)

THE DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)