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To grow, heal, and serve with God's wisdom, love, and joy

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Lent

February 23 - April 1, 2026

As part of St. John's practice of caring for God's creation and stewarding resources responsibly, this order of service is reusable.

Please return it to the ushers at the end of worship.

Welcome to St. John's. Please participate in our service at your own level of comfort. The congregation's responses are in bold.

A special welcome to those who are guests of our congregation today. We are glad you are here, and we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul. We invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be given to one of the clergy or an usher at the end of the service.

We use four books in our worship:

The Book of Common Prayer (red, hardcover)

The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover)

Wonder, Love & Praise (green, softcover)

Lift Every Voice and Sing II (red and black, hardcover)

Children are an active, vital part of the St. John's community, and they are always welcome in worship. On Sundays, nursery care is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on the lower level. During the 9:00 service, children ages 3 to 11 are invited to Children's Church for the first half of the service. All professional staff and volunteers who work with children and youth are Safe Church-trained, and parents may observe children's and youth ministry at any time.

To center yourself before worship, you may wish to use this prayer:

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome *seated*

Opening Hymn

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer out to attend Children's Church. They will return in time for communion.

Opening Acclamation

standing as you are able

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession and Absolution

standing or kneeling as you are able

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Presider 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.

Kyrie

standing as you are able

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Collect of the Day *standing as you are able*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Presider prays the collect.

People Amen.

First Reading *seated*

Reader A reading from...

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm *seated*

Second Reading *seated*

Reader A reading from...

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *standing as you are able*

Gospel *standing as you are able*

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *seated*

Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

**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.**

Prayers of the People *standing as you are able* *Book of Common Prayer, p. 388*

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
 Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live
 together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that
 we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources
 rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in
 them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for... (names are read from prayer list) For whom else do we pray?

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for... (names are read from prayer list)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for... (names are read from prayer list)

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially...(names are read from prayer list) Whom else do we remember?

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially....(thanksgivings are read from prayer list) For what else do we give thanks?

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *standing as you are able*

Presider 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.

Announcements *seated*



Announcements



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Birthday and Anniversary Prayer *seated*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence *seated*

Offertory Music *seated*

Presentation Hymn *standing as you are able*

Eucharistic Prayer *standing as you are able*

Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *standing as you are able*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might.

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Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

16

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

21

san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

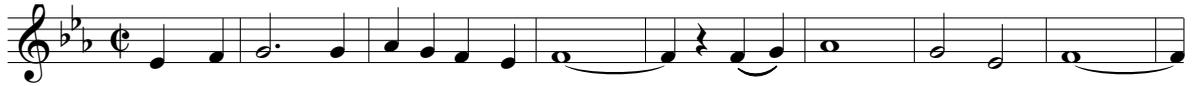
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins; _____ have mer - cy on us. _____



Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins; _____ have mer - cy on us. _____



Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins; _____ grant us your_ peace. _____

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, anyone who is baptized, no matter what church they were baptized in or how old they are, is welcome to meet Jesus in the bread and wine. Baptized children may receive communion as soon as they can eat solid food, as their parents wish. Come forward to the altar rail when the ushers indicate it is your turn. To receive the bread, extend your hands in front of you for the priest to place a wafer in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you wish to receive the wine, drink directly from the chalice. Please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest. Communion can be brought to you at your seat; just let an usher know. Receiving neither a blessing nor communion is always an option, as well. To learn more about baptism, please speak with Gia or David.

Post-Communion Prayer *standing as you are able*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Throughout the season of Lent, descants and hymn reharmonizations will not be heard. Organ postludes will be omitted from our worship services. The silence in which we leave the sanctuary is a compelling reminder of Christ's time in the silence of the wilderness, as well as of the disciplines we take on or give up during Lent, and is also a powerful reflection of the meditative nature of this season.

Credits

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