

Welcome to St. John's

Welcome to worshipping with us this morning. We are a small and singing church, and do not mind if what we sing is not perfectly in tune. Please join us by singing as you are able.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
Saint John's, Sharon, MA

The liturgy can be found in the Lenten Service Booklet. Hymns and readings for the day are in today's leaflet.

Our parish is comprised of the young and the old, the old-timer and the newcomer, married, divorced, partnered and single, gay and straight, rich and poor. We at Saint John's are a small and proud part of the wonderful diversity that makes Sharon what it is. We celebrate the baptismal command to respect the dignity of every human being. We strive to show radical hospitality to everyone and believe every person is a beloved child of God.

Prelude
Hymn 8 Morning has broken
Opening Sentence (BCP p. 75) BUNESSAN

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A PARISH OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Proces

Officiant
Lord, o - pen our lips.

People
And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add
Al - le - lu - ia.

“JESUS FASTING IN THE DESERT”

Jubilate

The Lord is full of com-pas-sion and mer-cy
Come let us a-dore him.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord is full of com-pas-sion and mer-cy'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Come let us a-dore him.' The third staff is a continuation of the melody.

Psalm 100

JUBILATE DEO

1. (*cantor/schola*) May all lands be joyful before you, Ó God, *
serve you with gladness
and come before | your presence **with** a song.
2. (*congregation*) For we know that **you** are Gód; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the | sheep of your **pásture**.
3. We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving;
go into your cóurts with praise, *
give thanks to you | and call upón your Name.
4. For you are good; your mercy is **everlásting**; *
and your faithfulness | endures from áge to age.

All: Glory to the Father, and **to** the Són, *
and to | the Holy **Spírit**,

As it was in the **beginning**, is **nów**, *
and will be | forever. **Amen**.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p. 102)

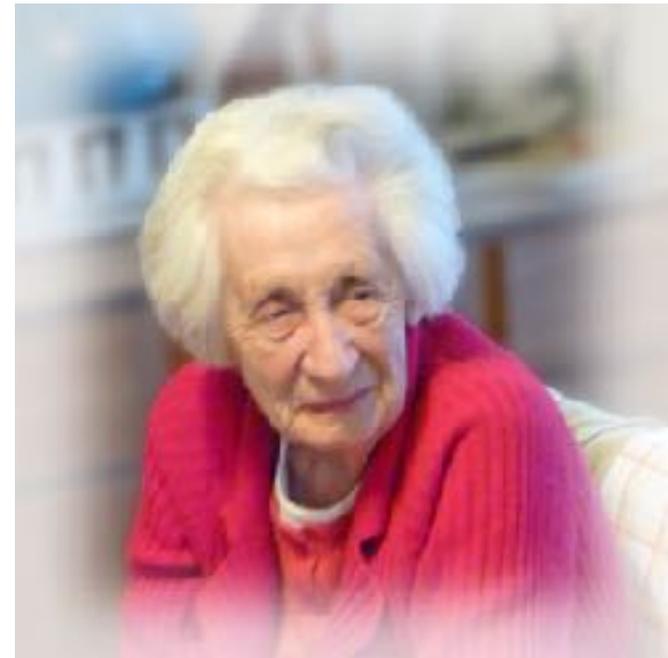
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation with the lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' below it.

Closing Sentence



Ruth Elizabeth Rieu

September 17, 1931 - February 12, 2021

Remembrances of Ruth
 Collect for the First Sunday of Lent (BCP p. 218)
 Collect for Sundays (BCP p. 98)
 Prayer of Comfort
 Sermon

Hymn 382 King of glory, King of peace GENERAL SEMINARY

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 lovingkindness
 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 attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow
 love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there
 is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be
 consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to
 love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
 pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Psalm 25.1-9 AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI

1. *(cantor/schola)* To you, O God, I lift up my soul
 and put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. *(congregation)* Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
3. Show me your ways, O God, *
 and teach | me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all | the day long.
5. Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from ever - | lasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
7. Gracious and upright are you, O God; *
 therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
8. You guide the humble in doing right *
 and teach your way to | the lowly.
9. All your paths, O God, are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
 and to the | Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, *
 and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17



Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence

KYRIE PANTOKRATOR

1. *(cantor/schola)* O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Ja,
and of all their | righteous offspring.
2. *(congregation)* You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their | vast array.
3. All things quake with fear at your presence, *
they tremble because | of your power.
4. But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds | can fathom.
5. O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering and abounding | in mercy.
6. You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as | we deserve.
7. In your great goodness you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin | and be saved.
8. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your grace - | ious goodness.
9. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness on - | ly too well.
10. Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
forgive me, Lord, for - | give me.
11. Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths | of the earth.
12. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth | your goodness.
13. 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 live.
14. For all the peers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory of ages to ag - | es. Amen.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Són, *
and to the | Holy Spírit,

As it was in the beginning, is nów, *
and will be forev - | er. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

O Ur 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
dal-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass
a-against 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 pow-er and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

For our sister Ruth, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ruth, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Ruth was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Ruth; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

The Third Station - Jesus falls the first time

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:8)
And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Reflection

At the time of Jesus' death, crucifixion was reserved for the lowest of society's low, the prevailing method employed to publicly dishonor a person. Jesus' brutal flogging, was part of the practice and, as it sent his body into shock from pain and blood loss, was the likely cause of his fall. Consider Christ's humility, then: "God made flesh" succumbed to the ultimate display of human denigration and assumed the physical vulnerabilities of the human body.

Leader: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

Jesus, teach us your humility today. Fill us with your Spirit so that, in our parish, we become conduits of your self-giving love. Through your example, may our weaknesses make us stronger, more accepting of the weaknesses of others, and increasingly humble.

Optional recitation of the Hail Mary may occur at this time.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ Crucified;

All: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Hymn 641

Lord Jesus, think on me

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

SOUTHWELL

The Apostles' Creed

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.



Prayers and Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,
"Peace I leave with you;
my own peace I give to you."

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, is a 14-step devotion in the form of a pilgrimage, and echoes a practice that is used in the Holy Land. We travel from station to station, and at each station we are invited to pray and reflect upon the events of Jesus Christ's last day on earth as a man, from his condemnation to his burial.

Act of Contrition - *Presider and people*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions only too well, and my sin is ever before me. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

During the singing of the Trisagion, all gather at the first station.

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The First Station - Jesus is condemned to death

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 15:12-14)
Pilate brought Jesus outside and said to the people, "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate, but they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Reflection
Jesus stands before Pilate, accused of crimes he hasn't committed, and He Who Is Without Sin mutely accepts the blame for the sin of all. Trust allows for this, Jesus' trust in God's plan - the promise of resurrection and salvation. This was the light that led him

through the darkness. Here Jesus stands all alone before Pilate. Nobody speaks up for him or defends him. Jesus, who devoted your entire life to helping others, listening to the smallest ones, and caring for the marginalized, nobody seems to remember that as they prepare to put you to death.

Leader: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

Jesus, help us to see your acceptance of blame not as weakness or resignation, but as the ultimate example of self-sacrificing trust in God. Give us that same trust so that, when we see wrongs we did not perpetuate or messes we did not make, we step in to offer your healing, comfort, restoration, and hope.

All travel to the next station

The Second Station - Jesus is made to carry the Cross

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 19:16-17)
The soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Reflection
History generally agrees that Jesus carried the cross, which weighed about 125 pounds. We can only imagine the pain he endured as he walked, the beam chafing his flesh-torn back. Steadfast acceptance of God's will allowed him to put one foot in front of the other. Jesus, as you accepted your cross, you knew you would carry it to your death on Calvary. You knew it wouldn't be easy, but you accepted it and carried it just the same.

Leader: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

Jesus, we avoid adversity. We fear humiliation and run from suffering. But you chose to take up the cross, a symbol of humiliation and suffering, and did so with steadfast acceptance. Teach us, we pray, to carry our burdens with the same grace, remembering that you will never leave or forsake us.

All travel to the next station