

SAINT JOHN'S
The Episcopal Church in Pine Meadow
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Welcome to Saint John's! Please visit our website at RedDoors.com for more information. Greeters are available for questions or requests. Regarding our worship today, we are following the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II. The blue hymnal is for hymns with simple numbers, hymns from LEVAS, the red and black hymnal, are noted with an 'L'. Italics and all uppercase are directions or section notes; while the congregation is invited to read aloud all bolded sections and to sing all the hymns with fearless joy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

PRELUDE: 'Sarabande from suite in D minor' G. F. Handel

THE TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

HYMN 401v 1,2,4,5 'The God of Abraham Praise'

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (S91)

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. Lord
have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

A Reading from Genesis

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given

me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

Dominus illuminatio

The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 27. We will say the psalm responsively.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

A reading from Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 152v 1,2,5 ' Kind maker of the World, O Hear'

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 380 v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

SERMON: The Rev. Joan Phelps

THE NICENE 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth
and love, and be found without fault at the day of your
coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura our own
Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy
people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our
divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the
Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may
preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord have mercy

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost
their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we
pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and
forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray
to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice,
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray
to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the
riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty,
famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for
refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be
relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for
those who are absent, that we may be delivered from
hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we
do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom
we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace
of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for
our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from
anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you,
O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and
those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the
saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain
or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend
ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To
you, O Lord our God.

Lord have mercy.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left
undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to
present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship.

HYMN 148 v.1,2,5

'Now Let Us All With One Accord'

AT THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Community stands or kneels

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was
tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we
are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for

ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS S129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI (S158)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

THE ACT OF RECEPTION

Gracious God, in union with the faithful across the Church, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We present ourselves to You, along with all who cannot gather around the altar at this time, believing and trusting in Your real presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We love you above all things; our soul longs for you. And so, we call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table.

If we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we still implore you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affection of our soul. May this spiritual Communion be for us an armor of faith and shield of goodwill and liberation. Sustain us, heal us, and encourage us, with your Holy Spirit until we meet again as one Church and one Body. We ask this for your love. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

HYMN 328 'Draw Nigh and Take The Body of The Lord'

Let us pray.

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.

Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 495 'Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus'

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: 'Voluntary VI in F major'

John Stanley