

On this first Sunday in Lent, we will begin worship with The Great Litany which takes the place of our intercessory prayers and confession later in the liturgy. It is moved to the start of the service to emphasize the penitential nature of Lent.

*Congregation enters in silence.*

*Please stand in body or spirit at the ringing of the bell.*

**The Great Litany**

*from Enriching Our Worship 1*

*(Spoken as the altar party moves in solemn procession among the people; congregational parts in **bold**)*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,  
**Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
**Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
**Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**Savior deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Jennifer, bishops of the Diocese of North Carolina, and our parish clergy and associate clergy, Mawethu, Lorraine, and Kristin with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit especially **Brooks, Carol, John, Bob, Eric, Julie, Tammy, Stacy, Dorrie, Kaitlin, Daphne, Carolyn, Joshua, and Cynthia, those on our chronic prayer list**, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

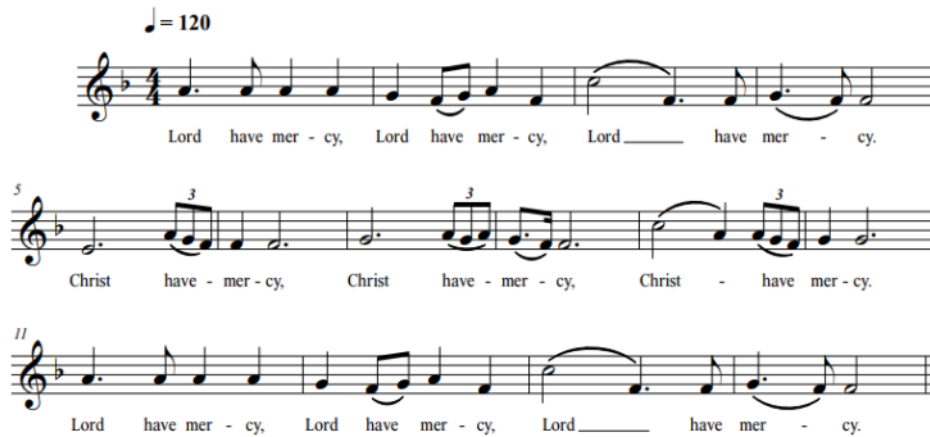
Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

## KYRIE

### Lord, Have Mercy

Lena McLin

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Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

5 Christ have - mer - cy, Christ have - mer - cy, Christ - have mer - cy.

11 Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People** **His mercy endures for ever.**

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my  
stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I  
deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and  
bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

**The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

All stand in body or spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation,  
 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery  
 vss. 1—3**

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Marty Haugen

**The Holy Gospel**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 4:1-13

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus

answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospel Acclamation continued*

**Vs. 4**

**From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;  
Stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.  
Make us turn to you alone.**

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kristen Whittaker

*All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

**The Nicene Creed**

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**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 Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

*Please be seated for*

**Welcome & Parish Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at [www.stjohnswf.org/give](http://www.stjohnswf.org/give) OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.*

## Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

## Bread of the world

Text & Music by Reginald Heber/Setting by Alan Bullard

CANTATE

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, And in whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

## The Doxology

*(7:45 am—spoken)*

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

*(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

p 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus— Holy, holy, holy** (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)  
**#255, Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Setting by Grayson Warren Brown

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel in body or spirit. The Celebrant continues.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption....

...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.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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.**

*All stand in body or spirit.*

**Fraction Anthem**

**Lamb of God**

Setting by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

**#270, Lift Every Voice and Sing** (7:45 AM Spoken, 9:30 AM Sung)

**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 Communion of the People** (please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

**Communion Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#150, The Hymnal 1982**

**Forty days and forty nights**

Words: George Hunt Smyttan  
Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

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| 1 Forty days and forty nights<br>thou wast fasting in the wild;<br>forty days and forty nights<br>tempted, and yet undefiled.            | 4 So shall we have peace divine:<br>holier gladness ours shall be;<br>round us, too, shall angels shine,<br>such as ministered to thee. |
| 2 Should not we thy sorrow share<br>and from worldly joys abstain,<br>fasting with unceasing prayer,<br>strong with thee to suffer pain? | 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,<br>ever constant by thy side;<br>that with thee we may appear<br>at the eternal Eastertide.             |
| 3 Then if Satan on us press,<br>Jesus, Savior, hear our call!<br>Victor in the wilderness,<br>grant we may not faint nor fall!           |   |

*All stand in body or spirit.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion (For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The Celebrant prays a Solemn Prayer for the People for the First Sunday in Lent.*

Grant, gracious 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**(9:30 AM)** *All children and youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.*

**The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)  
#529, The Hymnal 1982**

**In Christ there is no East or West**

Words: John Oxenham  
Music: Adapt. & Harm. by Harry T. Burleigh

- 1 In Christ there is no East or West,  
in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

- 3 In Christ now meet both East and West,  
in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

**The Dismissal**

Youth Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude In Christ there is no East or West**

Setting by Edwin T. Childs



Holy Week &  
Easter



- The Liturgy of the Palms/Passion Sunday,  
April 13, 2025**
- 7:45 AM - Spoken Service with Holy Eucharist
  - 9:30 AM - Worship Service with Music and Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)
  - 11:15 AM - Tapestry Intergenerational Worship Service and Holy Eucharist
- Centering Prayer with Kathryn Kelley,  
April 15, 2025**
- Noon in the Church Sanctuary
- Maundy Thursday  
April 17, 2025**
- 7 PM Service with Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)
- Good Friday  
April 18, 2025**
- Noon - Stations of the Cross
  - 7 PM - Proper Liturgy (Livestreamed)
- Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025**
- 7:45, 9:30, & 11:15 AM - Easter Services in the Church Sanctuary (Livestreamed @ 9:30 AM)
  - 10:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt on the Upper Churchyard Lawn prior to the 11:15 AM service...Don't forget your Easter Basket!