



Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will consider St. John's. Contact us for more information. Know God's presence in this place.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to serving the community with the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

During this time of pandemic, our worship is a bit different. We ask that at the Peace, you remain in your pew and simply turn and acknowledge those around you by a nod, wave or similar gesture of respect. To help prevent the spread of the virus, we are refraining from congregational and choral singing. We realize that music is an integral part of our worship experience; we hope to be able to sing as the body of Christ in the future. In the meantime, we appreciate the music offered by Jerilyn Yerkes, our organist, and others who present a music ministry.



Children of all ages are welcome at our services.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. The people's responses are in bold.

We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.

Let us pray: God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis

The Rev. Jan Oller, Rector

The Rev. Bill Wieland, Priest Associate

Ms. Jerilyn Yerkes, Organist & Choirmaster

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**Prelude** "Amazing Grace" - Hughes

*The People standing, the Celebrant says* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

*All say* **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.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Collect for the Sunday**

*The Priest says* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **A Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

<sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Interlude Music**      Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace - Hymn 703

### **The Gospel**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 2:13-22**

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Priest* The Gospel of our Lord

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

## The Homily

### 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 Lord's Prayer**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Creator God, it is you who have made us and not we ourselves. **We are dust without your breath of life.**

We are creatures, not Creator; yet you entrust the care of creation to us. **Breathe your Spirit into us that we might be faithful in the tasks you set before us.**

We surround ourselves with crosses, O God, **yet we confess that we shrink back from the awareness that your glory is revealed in the criminal's cross of Jesus Christ.**

Help us to know your presence wherever there is suffering in our world; **may we be channels of your love and healing.**

We pray for the Church, and its members and mission throughout the world. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this Nation and for every nation, and for all in authority, that they may be led to wise decisions and seek justice rather than revenge. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, and for those who are sick or suffering or who have died (Prayer List). **Lord hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge that when the going gets rough, we begin to assert ourselves and our own needs and we pull back from community. Like the Israelites in the desert, we murmur and

complain, we criticize and blame. **In your compassion, forgive us and help us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, to maintain our unity of purpose and commitment even in the wilderness days. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

### The Confession & Absolution

*The Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*  
*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest says* 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

*During this time of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from shaking hands hugging or leaving your pew. Please stand, turn and acknowledge those sitting around you with a wave, a nod or similar sign of peace.*

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### The Blessing and the Dismissal

We have this assurance that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**<sup>2</sup>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Be Thou My Vision" - Broughton

### Announcements:

Today: 2p – EfM

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Flames of the Spirit*. Ed. Ruth C. Duck (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1985), 32-33

<sup>2</sup> Id 30.

# St. John's Episcopal Church

3 Lent, March 7, 2021

Wednesdays: 9am – Bible Study (Whitlock Hall)

## Serving Today:

Organist: Jerilyn Yerkes

Lector: 8a-Peter Swanson; 10:30a-Meribeth Kussmaul

Crucifer: Steve Charles

Greeters: Tom Twarek & Kathy Gary

Counters: John Roberts & Susan Albrecht

Altar Guild: Teresa Titus

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Randy & Elaine Pickering

Videographer: Ed Fain

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***Please know that your participation with us today has been a blessing.***