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ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JACKSON HOLE

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Were You There?" arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

OPENING HYMN

"What wondrous love is this" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 439

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

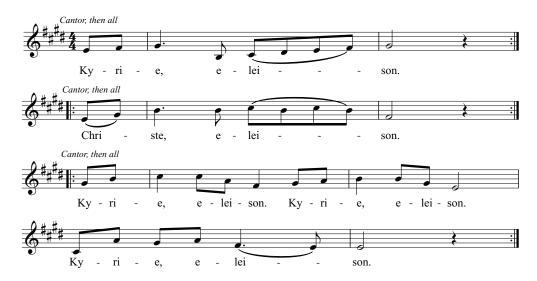
People God's mercy endures for ever.

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

"Lord, Have Mercy" The Glendalough Mass



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of your people: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 51:1-8

Listen to me, all you that pursue righteousness, all you that seek the Author of Life. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who writhed-in-labor for you all; he was just one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the God Who Saves has comforted Zion; she has comforted all her waste places. And she shall make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Creator of All; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of song. [Sorrow and mourning will flee away.] Listen to me, my people, and my nation, to me give heed; for a teaching shall from me go forth, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will do so suddenly. My deliverance is near, my salvation has gone forth and my arms will govern the peoples; for me the coastlands wait, and upon my arm they await. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth below. For the heavens like smoke will vanish, the earth like a garment will wear out, and those who live on it will die like gnats; yet my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be broken. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; fear not the reproach of others, and when they revile you, do not be dismayed. For like a garment a moth will devour them, and like wool a worm will consume them; yet my deliverance will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- Praise the Almighty!
 - **Praise the Exalted from the heavens:** praise her on the heights!
- Praise her, all her angels; 2
 - praise her, all her starry warriors!
- Praise her, sun and moon; 3 praise her, all you stars of light!
- Praise her, you highest heavens,
- 4 and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Mighty God, for she commanded and they were created.
- She established them forever and ever: 6 she set boundaries that cannot be crossed.
- 7 Praise the Creator of All from the earth, sea monsters and all watery deeps,
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and frost, swirling wind fulfilling her word!
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
- fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Animals wild and tame.
 - creeping things and winged birds!
- 11 Queens and kings of the earth and all peoples, royal seed and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young women and men alike, aged and young together!
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Eternal,
 - for her name alone is exalted; her glory is above the earth and the heavens.
- She has raised up a horn for her people, praise for all her faithful, 14 for the daughters and sons of Israel who are close to her. Praise the Almighty!

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

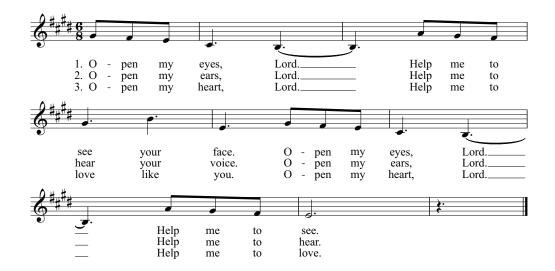
ROMANS 11:13-24

Now to you Gentiles am I speaking. Since I am, on the one hand, an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own in the flesh jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what is their acceptance but life from the dead? If the first fruits are holy, then the whole batch is holy, and if the root is holy, thus are the branches also. Now, if some of the branches were broken off and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among them to share the oil-rich root of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. If you should boast: It is not you that bears up the root, rather the root bears you up. You may say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Well then, through unbelief were they broken off while you stand only through faithfulness. So be not proud, rather be in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, God may not spare you. Behold the graciousness and the sternness of God: toward those who have fallen, sternness, while toward you, graciousness, provided you continue in that graciousness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And yet, if they do not remain in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you out of what is by nature a wild olive tree have been cut and, contrary to nature, grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree?

Lector The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

SEQUENCE HYMN

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel All children are invited to follow the Cross to Children's Chapel



THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 13:18-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus asked, "What is the realm of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and tossed in the garden and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." Speaking again Jesus said, "To what should I compare the realm of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

The People sit

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

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 the quiet after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, kneeling or standing

In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination, spiritual growth, and prayer as we draw closer to you, most loving God. Let us in our prayers offer the yearnings of our hearts.

We pray for churches everywhere as they offer welcome and solace to your people. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all who serve you in spreading love in world.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We pray for all the world's leaders and for those working to create a more peaceful world.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely; especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We pray in this season of Lent for those who seek renewal and a deeper closeness with the Holy. May they be given the grace and strength to do this work.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

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Ann & John Willot

John Turner

Jim West

James Ablondi Sharon Baker Mac Bickner Joan Breckwoldt Hudson Day Dave French KD Karns Jack Nystrom Trisha Mayers Ben Moffet Marvene Reagan Mason Wheeler

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIESPeter & Carol Coxhead
Kelly & Randy Sales

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Martha Pittard We give thanks for the many milestones in our lives and for those who celebrate with us. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We pray for those who have died, especially Martha and have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding Peace.

Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

We ask your prayers for our Legacy of Love campaign. As we share the vision, may our hearts be open and lives be touched by the love we have for each other. Continue to give us courage to reach out, as we continue to serve our Jackson Hole community. Lord, meet us in the quiet.

Quiet

Hear the longings of our hearts O God, whose loving presence lives always among us, reminding us to share your love with the world; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People kneel or stand as able

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

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.

Celebrant 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 People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

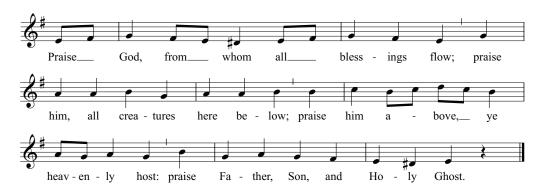
OFFERTORY

Christian Wallowing Bull, soloist

"Praise God, from whom all blessing flow"

PRESENTATION HYMN

The People stand as able



GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People remain standing

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:





The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant Dying, you destroyed our death. & People Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

Celebrant Our Father, who art in heaven,

& People 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.

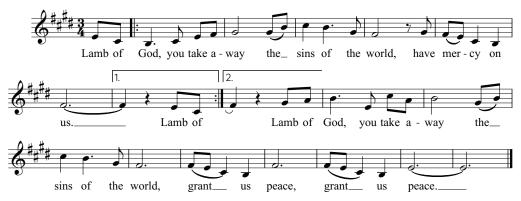
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

"Lamb of God" The Glendalough Mass

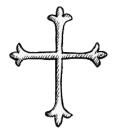


Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

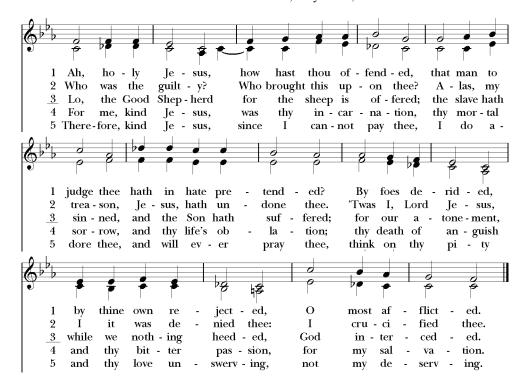
All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Prayer & Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion and following the service.



"Land of Rest" arr. Kevin McChesney

"Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended" vs. 3-5, The Hymnal 158



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

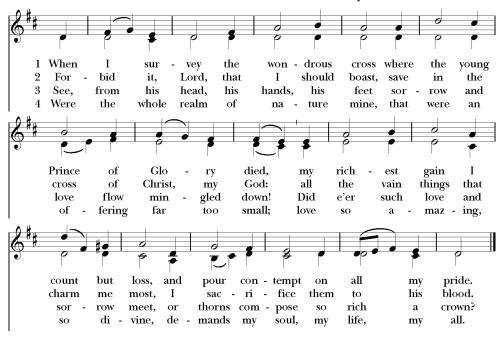
The Priest blesses the people

Live without fear: God has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Liberator, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

"When I survey the wondrous cross" vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 474



THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Melchoir Teschner, arr. Frances L. Callahan

We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.



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