

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 26, 2012*



*Welcome  
Home*

**No matter where you are** on your journey of faith,  
*you are always welcome* at St. John's Church  
**and most importantly** *at God's table.*

## 8am Holy Eucharist - Rite I

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### The Liturgy of the Word

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### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

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# 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Please enter the church in silence to allow for people to pray before the service.

Prelude: "Chant de paix"

J. Langlais

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Great Litany

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*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*

*Officiant*  
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People*  
Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People*  
Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People*  
Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People*  
Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*  
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*  
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the


devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People*  
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*


We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People*




We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*




*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Officiant*



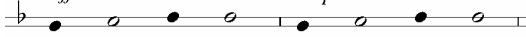
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

*Officiant*



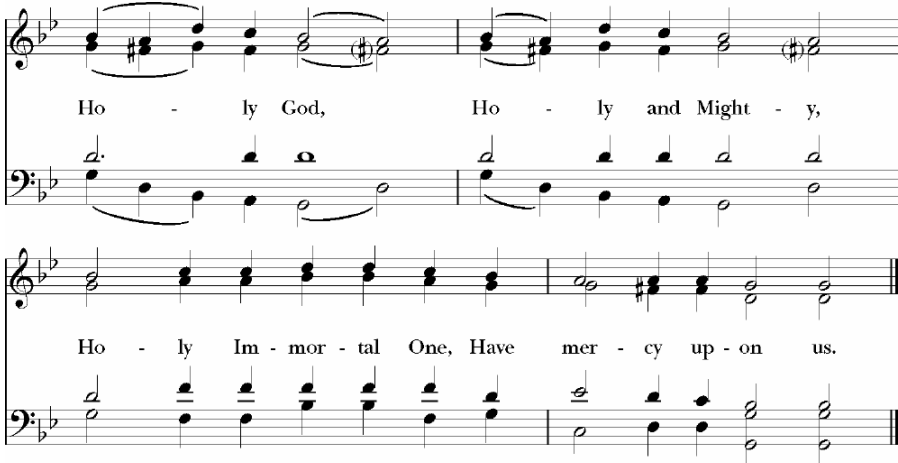
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

*Officiant*



O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.

**Trisagon: Sung three-fold: 1<sup>st</sup> Cantor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Choir, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregation**



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

## The Collect of the Day

see insert

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

**People** **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

see insert

**Psalm 25:1-9** Chanted responsively between choir and congregation



**8 He guides the humble in doing / right \*  
and teaches his way / to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

Sequence Hymn: #142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days"  
(Verse 1) ST. FLAVIAN

**Gospel: Matthew 1: 9-15** *see insert*

Sequence Hymn: #142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days"  
(Verse 5) ST. FLAVIAN

**The Sermon** The Rev. Jeffrey D. S. Thornberg

**The Nicene Creed** BCP. 358

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.

**Confession of Sin**

BCP p.360

*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, stands and 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: "Psalm for Lent"

D. Dahl

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer C)      BCP p.369

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
 as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

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

*People and Celebrant*

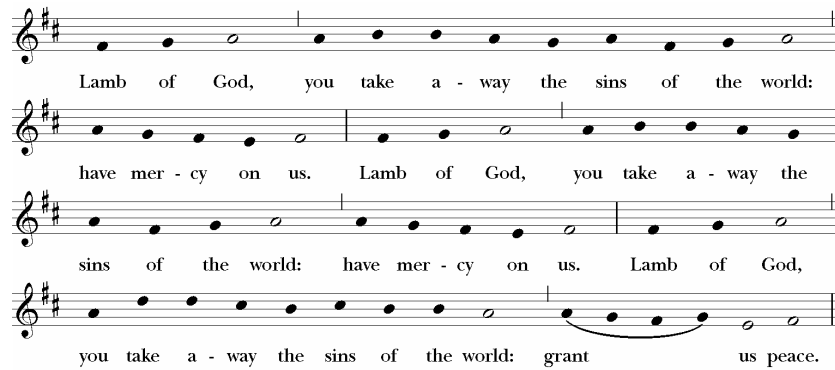
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to come forward for communion.*

Communion Anthem: “Jesu, autem Hodie”

P. Hallock

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #150 "Forty days and forty nights"  
AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:*  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Choral Dorien"

J. Alain

***The Worship is over. The Service begins.***



### **Participants**

#### ***At 8:00 Service:***

Lector: *Anne Rehner*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathi Hardy, Anne Rehner*

#### ***At 10:00 Service:***

Lector: *Dick Rozek*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ken Moore, Jane Nold, Bud Whitmyer*

Ushers: *Head Usher Anne Gabel, Ron Moore, Wendy, Bob Mennel, Sallie Mackie*

Altar Guild: *Sallie Mackie, Jane Holway, Judy Perley*

Music: *Parish Choir*

## **Announcements – February 26, 2012**

*All phone numbers listed are within the (603) NH area code unless noted otherwise.*

NO Sunday School on February 26th, this Sunday due to NH & ME vacation weeks. The nursery will still be open.

NO Wednesday programs on 2/22 & 2/29.

**Easter Memorial Altar Flowers Chart:** will be posted on the notice board in the church narthex starting Ash Wednesday. Place the people's name "In Memory Of" on the chart and person placing the name in "Donated By" column, so if I have any question I know who to contact. If you want to enter "In Honor Of" on the Chart please write "In Honor Of" along with the name in the "In Memory Of" column. There is also the form below you can fill out and mail to Ginny Edwards. Or you can call or email Ginny Edwards, I will see to it the names are put on the list. Please make donation check out to St. John's Altar Guild and mail it to Ginny Edwards, 173 Farmer Road, Eliot, ME. 03903. Thank You. Ginny Edwards 207-439-2119 or [edwardsga@msn.com](mailto:edwardsga@msn.com). The Chart will be taken down Palm Sunday April 17th and if you mail the names I need to have it by Saturday April 16th so I have time to compile the list for the Easter Service Programs. Thank you Ginny

### **Easter Memorial Altar Flower**

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please made donation checks out to **St. John's Altar Guild**  
and mail to Ginny Edwards 173 Farmer Road, Eliot, ME 03903

### **Prayer List Updated**

At the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday on February 22), the prayer list was updated. Please contact Joanne at 436-8283 or [administrator@stjohnsnh.org](mailto:administrator@stjohnsnh.org) if you would like someone to be placed on this list.



# LENT

**See the website at  
[www.stjohnsnh.org](http://www.stjohnsnh.org)  
for the complete listing of  
Lenten Worship, Education and  
Music activities.**

## Evening Prayer - ALL ARE WELCOME

In the Book of Common Prayer, there is an invitation in the Ash Wednesday service to observe a holy Lent "by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." With this in mind, St. John's Church will be offering the quiet and meditative service of Evening Prayer during the season of Lent. We will begin on Monday the 27th at 5:30 PM and continue 5 days a week up to Palm Sunday.

Evening Prayer is a beautiful way to end a busy day. During Lent the readings focus on Christ's journey towards Jerusalem and the Cross. It is a simple and short 20 minute service which reminds us to travel with our Lord. Come and journey with us.

For more information, or for anyone interested in learning how to lead or wishing to lead this service, please contact Ann Tarlton.... 603-319-8660.

## Adult Forum: "Love Wins" by Rob Bell

Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news?"

Troubling questions--so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud.

But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by "heaven," "hell," and "salvation" are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions?

Please consider spending Sunday morning in Lent in conversation about this thoughtful book and the questions it raises  
Philbrick Room 9-9:45am, Facilitated by the rector, Rob Stevens

## **Clergy, Staff & Wardens**

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr., *Rector*  
The Rev. Jeffrey D.S. Thornberg, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. G. Richard Siener, DD, *Assisting Priest*  
Dr. Abbey Hallberg Siegfried, *Music Director*  
Amy Dutton, *Christian Education Director*  
Joanne Ferguson, *Office Administrator*  
Lory Pratt, *Bookkeeper*  
Chris Sieve, *Senior Warden*  
Scott Osgood, *Junior Warden*  
Peter Tarlton, *Treasurer*  
Dani Megliola, *Clerk*  
*Vestry: Jim Breen, Bruce Dicker, Marian Ellis,*  
*Kathy Flygare, Susan Fockler, Chris Kozak, Robert Mood,*  
*Tim Platt, Kathryn Saunders, Margaret Sofio,*  
*John Tabor, Anna Kay Vorsteg*

## **Office Information**

*The Parish Office is open Mon-Thurs, from 9 AM to 3 PM*  
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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Thursdays**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

### **Sundays**

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 AM Adult Christian Education  
9:30 AM Children Christian Education  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Parish Choirs  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour

