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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

7:30 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Collect of the Day

The First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 103:8-14

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Homily: The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*; Desirée Stolar, *Usher*.

RECYCLING of Order of Service Bulletins paper is good stewardship.
If you wish, please leave them at the end of the pew after the service.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near--a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, `Where is their God?'"

Psalm 103:8-14

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your

alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10

For four **Wednesdays** in Lent, beginning on Wednesday, March 20, St John’s will offer **Prayer That Goes Deeper: A Short Course in the Practice of Prayer**. Participants will meet at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Martin Smith will lead the first two sessions. The Rev. Bruce McPherson, St. John’s Interim Rector, and the Rev. Andy Olivo, St. John’s Assistant Rector, will lead the last two. Fr. Smith previously served as Superior of the Order of St. John the Evangelist and on the staff of St. Columba’s Episcopal Church. He is the author of a number of widely read books including *Reconciliation, A Season for the Spirit; The Word is Very Near You; Love Set Free; and Compass and Stars*.

If you plan to attend, please let us know by emailing Evangeline Gravina at Evangeline.gravina@stjohns-dc.org.

THE 2019 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, March 23 and March 30

8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, join the 2019 Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on Saturdays, March 23 and March 30, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Bruce McPherson, Interim Rector and the Rev. Andy Olivo, Assistant Rector, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is encouraged to attend. **For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards, Assistant for Church Growth, at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.** Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on May 11, 2019.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 14

Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms

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Monday-Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

April 15-17

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

April 18

Choral Holy Eucharist

Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar,
and Foot Washing

Good Friday

12:00 noon

April 19

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

Easter Day

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 21

Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Festival Holy Eucharist

Festival Holy Eucharist

Vestry

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
Junior Warden

Virginia Bader
Andrew Clarke
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Carolyn Crouch
Lauren Edwards
Martha Ellison
Jeff Hantson
Wande Johnson
Peter Odom
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and David Gamboa
Assistant Sextons



Welcome!

JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST. JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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