

ST JOHN'S CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE

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*The First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022*

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning. When you enter our church with its crenelated tower, projecting gargoyles, stout buttresses, and warmly recognized big red doors, we hope you will see what St. John's is all about: worship, community, and service. As we strive to live out the two great commandments of our Lord, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor, we hope you will find St. John's to become more and more your spiritual home where so many others have already found a home. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Welcome and Offering

During the offertory, all are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device, or visit simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/st158149



About Lent

We are in the midst of Lent, a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) of prayer, meditation, fasting and almsgiving. The number "forty" signifies a time of testing in the Bible and in the liturgical year; the days of Lent commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry and his temptation by Satan. The liturgical observances during this season are different than other times of the year; the *Gloria in excelsis*, *Te Deum*, and all alleluias are omitted, purple paraments are used, and a solemn prayer over the people is used as a blessing at the end of the service. These changes are designed to help us journey, individually and as a community, through Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of St. John's Church in Somerville is "To know Christ and To make Him known."

PARISH STAFF: The Reverend Canon Ronald N. Pollock, Rector; The Reverend W. Keith McCoy, Deacon; Mark A. Trautman, Organist-Choirmaster and Administrator.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8 O'CLOCK

THE GREAT LITANY

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 148
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THE LESSONS

First Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
insert

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 326

The Peace

BCP, page 332

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand and sing

Offertory Hymn 142 *Hymnal 1982*

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The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II

BCP, page 340

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 336

Breaking of the Bread

BCP, page 337

Postcommunion Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal

BCP, page 339



HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:15 O'CLOCK

THE GREAT LITANY

Collect of the Day

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THE LESSONS

First Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
sung by the Choir; Tone V

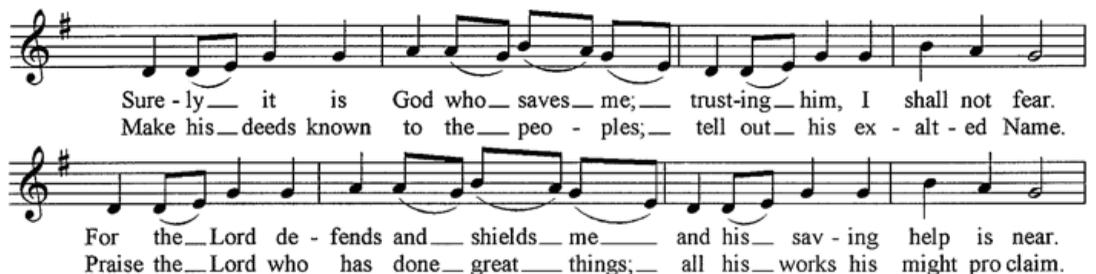
Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Canticle *Ecce Deus*

HOLY MANNA

Text: Carl Daw, para. of Isaiah 12:2-6; Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835



Sure - ly — it is God who — saves — me; — trust - ing — him, I shall not fear.
Make his — deeds known to the — peo - ples; — tell out — his ex - alt - ed Name.

For the — Lord de - fends and — shields — me — and his — sav - ing help is near.
Praise the — Lord who has done — great — things; — all his — works his might pro claim.

So re-joice as you draw wa-ter from sal-va-tion's liv-ing spring;
 Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell,
 in the day of your de-liv-'rance thank the Lord his mer-cies sing.
 in your ve-ry midst, the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

Gospel Reading
 Sermon
 Nicene Creed
 The Peace

Luke 9:28-43a
 The Rector
 BCP, page 358
 BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Caleb Burhans

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
 from whence cometh my help.
 My help cometh from the Lord,
 which made heaven and earth.
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
 he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 The Lord is thy keeper:
 the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
 nor the moon by night.
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
 he shall preserve thy soul.
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
 from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

—Psalm 121

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A
 Sanctus
 Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 361
 Hymnal 1982, S 124
 BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread

Ray Urwin

Cantor, then all



Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me,
and I in them. REFRAIN

Hymn 188 *LEVAS II Hymnal*

VILLE DU HAVRE

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, page 365

Hymn 149 *Hymnal 1982*

OLD 124TH

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary

Prelude, 'Old 124th'

Healey Willan

About the Great Litany

The word "litany" comes from Greek, meaning "entreaty" or "supplicant." Litanies are prayers in which the people make fixed responses to short biddings or petitions sung or said by a lay reader, deacon, or priest.

The Great Litany was first published in 1544 as a special supplication "to be read to the people in church afore processions." Archbishop Thomas Cranmer used the Litany of St. John Chrysostom, the medieval Sarum litanies for Rogationtide and the hour of death, and the litany of Martin Luther as his sources. The Great Litany was later incorporated into the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The *rubric* on page 148 of the Prayer Book suggests its use "especially in Lent and on Rogation days."

The Great Litany consists of four parts: an invocation to the Holy Trinity; deprecations (to ward off something by prayer), directed to the second person of the Trinity; obsecrations (to entreat solemnly), which remind us that Jesus' atoning work was manifest in all his life on earth; and supplications for the universal church and its mission, the nation, the welfare of the world and the local community, the suffering and the departed. Except for the invocation to the Trinity at the beginning, the entire Litany is addressed to God the Son. The litany concludes with the *Kyrie* and the Collect of the Day.

TUESDAY EUCHARIST: You are welcome to join us in the Chapel (below the Church) on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm for Holy Eucharist.

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