



St. Bernard's Episcopal Church St. John on the Mountain

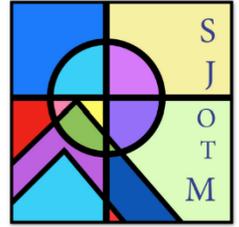
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.



The congregation stands for the Great Litany.

THE GREAT LITANY

musical setting by Philip Marshall

Cantor Let us pray. God the Father,
Choir Have mercy on us.

Cantor God the Son,
Choir Have mercy on us.

Cantor God the Holy Spirit,
Choir Have mercy on us.

Cantor Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,
Choir Have mercy on us.

Cantor From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent.

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor From sloth, worldliness, and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world,
the flesh, and the devil,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood, and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People 
Good Lord, de - li - ver us.

Cantor Give us true repentance;
Forgive us our sins of negligence
and ignorance and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Choir Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 239

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Deacon Loving and merciful God, you bestow your grace on all of your children: Remember our sisters and brothers throughout the world who, in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, strengthen communities, empower those who are experiencing poverty, nourish those who are hungry, heal those who are sick and uplift those affected by disaster; and continue to uphold Episcopal Relief & Development so that your Kingdom might be known to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated for the lessons

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

9 am: Tina Johnson, 11 am: Chris Thomas

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

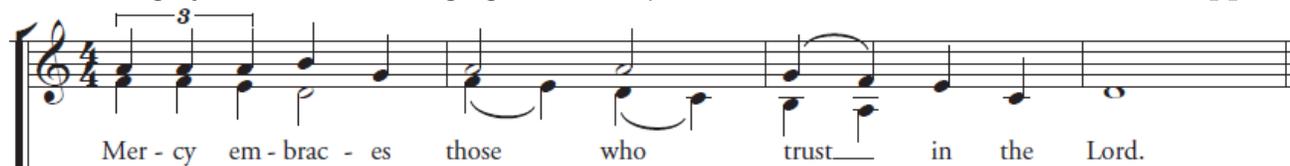
Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 *sung by the choir with congregational antiphon*

BCP pp. 624-625



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Antiphon
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from
trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
Antiphon
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that
you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no
understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in
the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19*9 am: Tina Johnson, 11 am: Jane Rauen**Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *Assembly* **Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN’S MOMENT** – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story**The assembly stands as able for the Hymn and Gospel***SEQUENCE HYMN 150**

Forty days and forty nights

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| <p>1 Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.</p> <p>3 Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!</p> | <p>2 Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?</p> <p>4 So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.</p> <p>5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.</p> |
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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*Assembly* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. *Assembly* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE SERMON**

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

The assembly stands as able for the Creed and Prayers of the People

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BCP pp. 358-359

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 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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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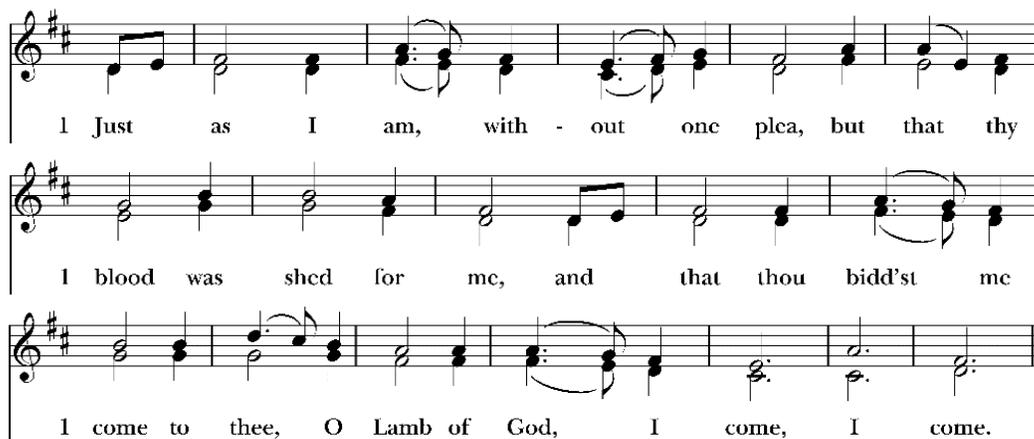
Antonio Lotti

The offertory is brought forward during the Presentation Hymn

PRESENTATION HYMN 693, stanza 1

Just as I am

Woodworth



I Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
I blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
I come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 369, *updated version*

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

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

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

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

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

Presider 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 eternal Word, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

Assembly **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider 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:

SANCTUS S 124

David Hurd

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, Jesus 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 all 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,

Assembly **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior. Sanctify us also, and 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.

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

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

Assembly **AMEN.**

CONTEMPORARY LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161

David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Diocese of Oxford, England)

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN 146

Now let us all with one accord

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| 1 Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast. | 2 The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime. |
| 3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride. | 4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed. |
| 5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live, in love and unity and peace. | |

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Church in Wales, Post Communion 367, p. 210

Presider Let us stand and pray.

**God our Father, your Son is our peace
and his cross the sign of reconciliation:
help us, who share the broken bread,
to bring together what is scattered
and to bind up what is wounded,
that Christ, in whose name we pray,
may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace. Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, alive in us, alive in you. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

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| 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake. | 2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew. |
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- 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

- 4 For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.
- 6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to bless the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting today at ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN	Assisting today at ST. BERNARD'S
<i>Presider & Preacher</i> The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino	<i>Presider & Preacher</i> The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino
<i>Lector</i> Peter Mercer (7:45), Tina Johnson (9)	<i>Deacon</i> The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon
<i>LEM</i> s Sue Kennedy (7:45), Margaret Griggs (9)	<i>Lectors</i> Chris Thomas, Jane Rauen, Valerie McEntee
<i>Director of Music</i> Tyler Weakland	<i>Chalicer</i> Mary Jane Canose
<i>Guest musician</i> Alejo Jimenez	<i>Director of Music</i> Tyler Weakland
<i>St. John's Choir</i>	<i>St. Bernard's Choir</i>
<i>Usher</i> Joy Baird (9)	<i>Usher</i> Frank Curtis
<i>Altar Guild Captain</i> , Sue Kennedy; Lynda Stadtmueller	<i>Altar Guild</i> Mary Kempen, Carmen Paul
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>

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