



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

March 22, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, COMMONLY CALLED
PASSION SUNDAY

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Rector's Rambling

As you may have noticed, the crosses on the altars and around the church are now veiled. Although most Episcopal churches follow the modern Roman Catholic form for veiling the crosses on all the Sundays of Lent, we keep to the old tradition of doing so from Passion Sunday onwards. Dr. Taylor Marshall, a former Episcopal priest writes on his blog *Canterbury Tales*, "In the old days, Passion Sunday (5th Sunday) 'ramped up' the Lenten season. Passion Sunday (also called Judica Sunday from the opening Introit) is the traditional day for veiling the crucifixes and statues in the churches. The practice allegedly derives from Bavaria (though I'd love for someone more knowledgeable to shed light on the origin of this custom). The crosses and images remain veiled and add to the dramatic effect of the Paschal Vigil when they are unveiled for the glory and wonder of our Lord's resurrection. The famous medieval triptychs that opened

and closed were constructed for the purpose of closing them for this season."

Additionally, starting today we no longer use the "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end." to the end of psalms and canticles, as well as the opening of Morning and Evening Prayer. Removing this Doxology is another liturgical reminder that we are another step closer to Good Friday, and then Easter Day!

Wednesday, March 25, is the Feast of the Annunciation. That day marks nine months until the celebration of the birth of Jesus, so that day the Church remembers the day that the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son by the Holy Ghost. This can be found in St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 1, verses 26 to 38.

We will celebrate this Feast within our Lenten Fast on Wednesday, March 25, at the 12:15 Holy Communion Service.



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Food may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 22—MARCH 29

Sunday 3/22 PASSION SUNDAYT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 3/23 James de Koven, Priest 1879 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
Tuesday 3/24 St. Gabriel, the Archangel	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 3/25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 3/26	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 3/27 St. John of Damascus c. 749 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A Noon 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross AA Meeting
Saturday 3/28	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 3/29 PALM SUNDAY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

**Collect for The Fifth Sunday in Lent
commonly called Passion Sunday**

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	51	Isa. 1:10–20 1 Pet. 4:12
Monday	119:1–16	Exod. 3:1–15 1 Cor. 15:12–19
Tuesday	123, 127	Exod. 4:10–18, 27–31 1 Cor. 15:20–34
Wednesday	128, 129	Exod. 5:1–9, 19–6:1 1 Cor. 15:35–49
Thursday	144	Exod. 11:1–8 1 Cor. 15:50
Friday	95 & 141:1–4, 146	Exod. 12:21–28 1 Cor. 16:1–14
Saturday	147	Exod. 12:29–39, 42 1 Cor. 16:15

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	42, 43	Hosea 6:1–6 Heb. 10:1–25
Monday	119:17–32 & 117	Jer. 20:7–13 John 12:1–11
Tuesday	120, 121, 122	Jer. 22:10–23 John 12:12–19
Wednesday	132	Jer. 28:1–2, 10–17 John 12:20–33
Thursday	133, 134, 137:1–6	Jer. 30:12–17, 23–24 John 12:34–43
Friday	139	Jer. 32:36–42 John 12:44
Saturday	145	Jer. 33:1–9, 14–16 John 13:1–17

** If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items coming soon

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John’s at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –

Daily Morning Meditation

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Friday @ 11:15

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Friday at Noon.

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you’re shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Parking Note - The lot next to St. John’s is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events. We do not have the ability to give permission to park there for events at Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, Ford Field, or the local theatres.

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John’s, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.

There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John’s. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

March 22

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savager

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
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Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2028

Durene Brown Charles Roby
Renee Peck

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

“Private” Prayer and Meditation

So far this Lent we have read about praying the Holy Communion Service, the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and techniques of personal prayer. Today we will talk about “private” prayer and meditation.

Although it is called “private” prayer, because we do it alone, in fact no prayer is “private”. All prayer is joined together with other's prayers for the same intentions. God hears each prayer individually, yet we know that even if we are kneeling down at the side of our bed or sitting quietly in a chair in our living room, those prayers are being joined to the great assembly of saints on earth and in heaven.

Fr. Martin Thornton, the late great writer about English Spirituality, said that our prayer lives have to be Trinitarian in nature. In other words, it has to be balanced and equal, just as the Persons of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) are equal. He even assigns a Person of the Trinity to each type of prayer.

The Daily Office is like God the Father, with its great orderliness. The Holy Communion is Jesus Christ Himself. And Private Prayer is the Holy Ghost – giving some freedom and empowering that freedom in prayer to be directed to the Father, through the Son.

If we are “All Daily Office” at the expense of the other two, we risk becoming rigid or stale in our prayer life. If we are “All Holy Communion” we risk missing out on the bigger picture of what Jesus' saving act was for. If we are “All Personal Prayer” we risk becoming too self-centered and self-indulgent in our prayer life, just as a charismatic who is only concentrated on the Holy Ghost is apt to be lead off on tangents that lead to personal regard for some, and rejection of other Church doctrines.

So, in the next two weeks, we will start looking at various methods of personal prayer, that many Western Christians have felt helpful. But before all, just start praying by speaking to our Heavenly Father as you would someone who loves you. After all – He does!

~ Fr. Kelly (edited from 3/23/2014)

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, Week of March 22:

Diocese of Northern Malawi: The Rt Revd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani; Sisters of Saint Mary; Dioces of Mangochi; Diocese of Mzuzu; St. Peter's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Passion Sunday: The Anglican Church of Korea; The Diocese of Uruguay—The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Utah—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Uyo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Valparaiso—Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; The Diocese of Vanuatu— The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of Vellore— The Church of South India (United)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

- Lansing—St. Michael's
- Brighton—St. Paul's
- Puerto Plata, DR—Christ the King

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



- March 23**
William Chope
- March 26**
Richard Brace
- March 27**
Andrew Baetz
Peter Grim

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

Have you given us your Anniversary date?



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Deb B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point, Charles Lewis.

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Vera Brabb	March 22, 1960
Mabel L. Sullivan	March 22, 1972
John F. Trites	March 23, 1958
Lauren Gillian Myers	March 23, 2011
Past Hoyt, Jr.	March 24, 1958
Richard Wink	March 24, 1995
Stanley J. Margewicz	March 25, 1971
Lucinda Cook Jackson White	March 25, 2009
Agnes J. Stewart	March 26, 1989
Jesse Wickes	March 26, 2002
Helen L. Stevens	March 27, 1966
George Kubochi	March 27, 1977
Ray H. Appleman	March 28, 1960
Susan E. Affeldt	March 28, 1972