

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

The Word of God

8:00 AM

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Hymn 149: Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

(v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading

Romans 5: 12-19

The Psalm

Psalm 32

The Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Christopher J. Hackett

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Proper Preface

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast.

The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion of the People

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Hymn 142: Lord, who throughout these forty days

(v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: Jesus Christ, our Savior, who frees us from sin
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

10:30 AM

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: His mercy endures for ever.

Hymn 149: Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

The Collect for Purity

Opening Canticle: Kyrie eleison

(S 86 Hurd)

The Collect of the Day

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem Aaron Jay Kernis (b. 1960)
Teach me thy way, O Lord

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast.

10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord (S 124 Hurd)
The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction anthem: Christ our Passover (S 154 Hurd)

The Communion Anthem Charles Villiers Stanford (1854-1924)
Beati quorum via

Communion Hymns

150: Forty days and forty nights
142: Lord, who throughout these forty days

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Hymn 143: The glory of these forty days

Postlude: Jesus Christ, our Savior, who frees us from sin
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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the St. John's Eucharistic Visitors and their ministry to our parish family.

The offertory anthem is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the service of Nancy Goslee to the St. John's Cathedral Choir.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM
Usher John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Chris Copelan
Acolyte Stacy Taylor

10:30 AM
Ushers Tim O'Connor-Lead, Norvell Burrow, Brooks Clark
Dave Gohn, & Lisa Rottmann

Greeters Michelle McMahan, Missy Minkin
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Anne Sprouse
Lector / Chalice Bearer Carroll McMahan
Chalice Bearer Dusty Katzenmiller
Crucifer Bill Hackett
Acolytes Tom Hackett, Jim Hackett, Lilah Laverdure
Natalie Rottmann

Thurifer Lloyd Terry
Verger Braxton Hunter
Safety David Kuendig
Broadcast Team Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell,
Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
Altar Guild Candy Brownlow & Team
Flower Guild Mary Hugh Bedinger & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:20 AM Donuts & Discussions - Mid/ High School - 2nd Floor
9:20 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Rm. 9, Bottom Floor
9:30 AM Youth Confirmation Class - Haslam Rm
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5yr. & up - 2nd Floor
11:30 AM Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall
11:45 AM Stay & Play - Ross Hall
4:45 PM Evensong

Choral Evensong Today at 4:45 PM

Join the St. John's Cathedral Choir for a service of Evensong featuring George Arthur's contemplative unaccompanied 'Friday' Service and Kerensa Briggs's haunting anthem *Media vita*. The prelude recitalist is Dr. Jason Gunnell (Associate Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Terrace Park, Ohio). Complementary Parking available in the Cathedral's adjacent lot. Reception to follow. The service will also be live streamed and archived for later viewing at www.youtube.com/SJCKnox

Table for 8 Gatherings begin Saturday, Feb. 28th!

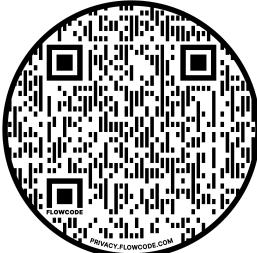
We are excited to announce the return of Table for 8. Table for 8 is an informal dinner for eight people in the home of a St. John's parishioner. The goal of the event is to share a meal and conversation. It is a one time event, not an ongoing group. Online registration is now available. Simply choose from the available dates and your host will contact you with details for your dinner.

Scan QR code below to Register or visit www.sjcknox.org

Downtown Lenten Services & Lunch | 12 Noon

Celebrate Lent with the downtown Knoxville faith community. The annual Lenten services offer a time for reflection, worship, and fellowship. Come for a noon service and stay for complimentary lunch as we journey through this sacred season together. Schedule below:

Wed., February 25th	First Presbyterian Church
Wed., March 4th	St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Wed., March 11th	<i>Spring Break - No Service</i>
Wed., March 19th	Immaculate Conception Church
Wed., March 25th	First Baptist Church



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The Reading

Romans 5: 12-19

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

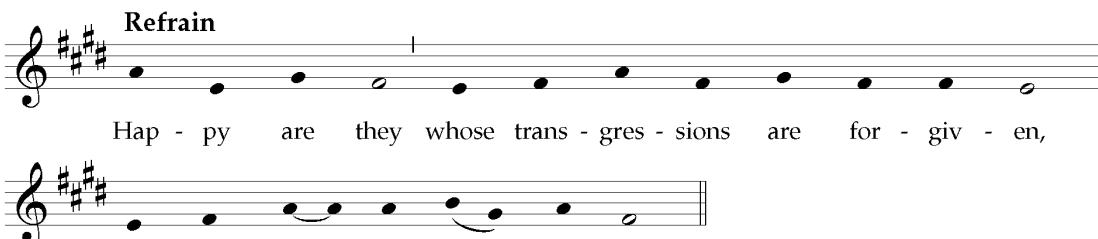
As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 32

8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL. 10:30: The refrain is sung by ALL, and the choir sings the verses.



Refrain

Hap - py are they whose trans - ges - sions are for - giv - en,
and whose sin is put a - way!

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 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! **REFRAIN**
- 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. **REFRAIN**
- 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. **REFRAIN**
- 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." **REFRAIN**
- 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.
REFRAIN

The Gospel
Matthew 4: 1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: 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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Offertory anthem: *Teach me thy way, O Lord*
(Aaron Jay Kernis)

Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth.
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
I will praise thee, O Lord, my God,
I will praise thee with all my heart.
I will praise thee, O Lord,
and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
Teach me, O Lord.

Psalm 86: 11, 12

Communion anthem: *Beati quorum via*
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Happy are they whose way is blameless
who walk in the law of the LORD!*

Psalm 119: 1

Surely it is God who saves me

The First Song of Isaiah

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a-fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior._____



1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing
3 Cry a - loud,_____ in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on,



from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, Give
Ring____ out____ your joy,____ for the great one____ in the

Refrain



thanks to the Lord,____ and call up - on his Name;_____
midst of____ you is the Ho - ly____ One of____ Is - rael._____



2 Make his deeds known a-mong the peop-lies; See that they re-mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt-ed

Refrain



Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

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