

**MORNING PRAYER
ON THE LAWN**

FEBRUARY 21, 2020

9:00 AM



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Four Fountain Square
Larchmont, NY**

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.

For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for following all safety guidelines, including wearing a face covering at all times, maintaining appropriate social distance, use of hand sanitizer, etc.

If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services. Thank you for turning off your cell phones.

You are welcome to join us for worship at any time, including each Sunday at 10:00 am in our sanctuary or on Zoom, Sunday at 4:00 pm for an outdoor Eucharist, and for prayer services throughout the week on Zoom. Visit our website for our full schedule (stjohnslarchmont.org).

If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

OUR CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

PRECES

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

INVITATORY PSALM: VENITE (PSALM 95:1-7)

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
All Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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PSALM 25:1-9

The psalm is read responsively by the half verse.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

READING: MARK 1:9-15

Reader A reading from Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH (ISAIAH 12:2-6)

The canticle is read responsively by the half verse.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All remain standing.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

All remain standing.

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;
People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

COLLECTS

All remain standing.

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

All **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

All remain standing.

Officiant Have compassion on all who are suffering the effects of the pandemic, and all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Ellen, George, Harold, Mary, Patricia, Peggy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom.

Bless all who have died, especially Howard Martin Brenner, Ambrose Updegraff, and Gus Wormuth, and all those who mourn.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

DISMISSAL & GRACE

All remain standing.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. (*Ephesians 3:20,21*)

All **Amen.**