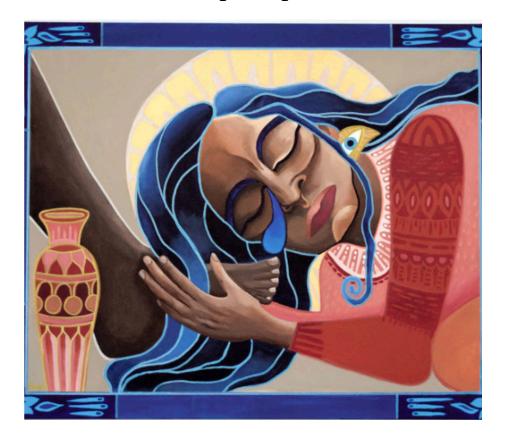
St John's Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 at 10AM

Come hydrate your soul at St John's:

A community of connections across generations.

Connect to God through worship, service, real life and tradition.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent is 40 days, not including Sundays, between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It is an annual remembrance of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness after his baptism. Lent is a traditional time where we fast from something and/or feast on a new spiritual practice to draw us closer to God. During lent we intentionally put our attention and energy into things that help us grow spiritually, or, negatively stated, stop putting our attention and energy into things that deplete us or draw us away from God and loving our neighbor.

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person & live stream)

Children's Sunday School Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom).

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

2nd TUESDAYS of the Month

6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall (next gathering 4/8)

WEDNESDAY

1pm: Bible Study (*resumes 4/23, after Easter)

THURSDAY

11am: Christian Classics Lite

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month

8am: Men's Group

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement. During Lent, the silences in our worship service are extended, offering an opportunity for deeper prayer and reflection.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Summary of the Law sung by all, standing

Charles Rus (b. 1957)

Cantor Jesus said,

Choir "The first commandment is this:

All (sung in a monotone)

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your

mind, and with all your strength.

Cantor The second is this:

All Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

Processional

Salvator Mundi Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)





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Penitential Order

Please remain standing

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Presider God has promised forgiveness

to all who truly repent,

turn to Christ,

and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence.

Presider

Let us confess our sins.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

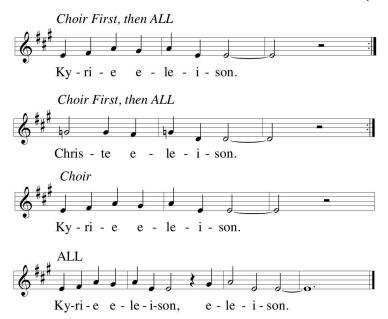
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen*.

Presider

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. Amen.



Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated

First Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard

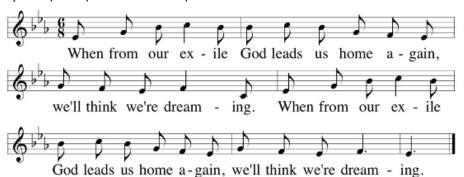
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God. People

Psalm 126 When from our exile Bernard Huijbers (1922-2003) Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time



We shall be singing, laughing for happiness.

The world will say,

"Their God does wonders."

Yes, you do wonders, God here among us,

vou, our gladness

-REFRAIN

Then lead us home, bring us to life again, even as rivers which, in the desert, when the first rain falls, start flowing again. Sow seed in sadness, harvest in gladness. A man goes his way and sows seed with tears. Back he comes singing, sheaves on his shoulders. —REFRAIN (Sung 2X) Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John Karl Hirten

Repeat refrain after the Cantor each time.



Verse (Cantor): Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior. — REFRAIN

Holy Gospel John 12:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Skip Fotch

A period of silent prayer and reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Please stand.

People of God, wait patiently for the Lord. Trusting our merciful God to hear us, we pray, Harken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Almighty God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Show us your ways, O Lord, and give us the strength to stand firm. Harken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Forgive us, gracious God, for the violence and anger in our own hearts. Open our ears and hearts to listen to your prophets and heed their call to repentance. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We long, O God, to behold your fair beauty. Open our eyes to the beauty all around us. Inspire our hearts to sing out and make music to you. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We pray, O God, for all those who have no place to call home. In their day of trouble keep them safe in your shelter; hide them in your dwelling. May they find housing in this life and find their home in your heart forever. Harken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Lord Jesus, you desire to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Be the light and salvation of those who are lost and alone. May all in need know your goodness and mercy. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Christ our Savior, in the fullness of time make all things subject to yourself and transform us, with all your saints, that at the last we might be conformed to your glorious likeness. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We pray for those on our prayer list...; we pray for those who have died...; please offer your own intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings...

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory Anthem

Wondrous Love

arr. Paul J. Christiansen (1914-1997)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross.

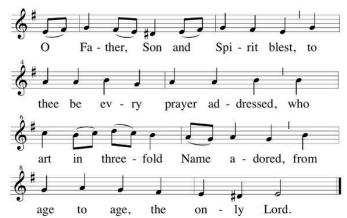
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

— Traditional, adapted by PJC

Doxology

Erhalt uns, Herr



Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says ...Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



from the Rose Hill Mass by John Karl Hirten ©1987 by GIA Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-707510 *In the middle of the Eucharistic prayer, the Presider says:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the prayer, and then says
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

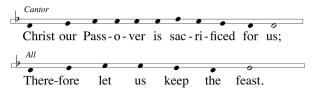
You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray. And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People
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.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant



Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Drop, drop slow tears

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

—Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

Postcommunion Prayer

*Please stand.*Let us pray.

Presider and People
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lenten Blessing

The priest offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.

We rejoice in the hands of God. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church Old 124th

- Eternal Lord of love, behold your church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent: far off yet here--the goal of all desire.
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living in your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.
- 3 If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower, so into life and glory shall we wake.
- Thomas H. Cain (1931-2003)

Dismissal

Priest Our worship has ended and now our service in the world begins.

Let us bless the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

A Quiet Postlude Improvisation on *Old 124th*

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our parish hall following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Fund Update We are in the last few weeks of our 2025 Annual Fund - Blessed to Be Generous - campaign and have received 75% (780k, with 265k to go) of our \$1,045,000.00 goal in pledges/gifts. A big "Thank you" to the 201 households who have made a pledge or gift! Now, we need to gain 100% participation in this year's Annual Fund from all households who embrace, celebrate, and participate in St. John's amazing programs and worship service so please make your pledge/gift today. There are about 75 households we have not heard from...if that is you, members of the vestry and clergy will be reaching out to you to engage your participation. We encourage your family to give proportionally to your income as some are able to give well above the \$3,500 average amount needed and others below that amount at this time. This is an opportunity for everyone to join our family of supporters to the Annual Fund and keep St. John's active spiritual programs and important outreach alive and thriving. Your financial contributions will help make our goal a reality. Thank you for your generous support!

The Lowdown on the Hoedown A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the 3rd Annual St. John's Hoedown! Your presence and support made the evening a huge success, and we truly appreciate all the help with clean-up afterward. Over 70 members of St. John's community came together to enjoy a delicious smoked BBQ dinner from Lone Mountain BBQ, and we had a blast learning dance steps with CB Danceman. It was a great night for all ages, filled with fun and laughter—truly a memorable event. Many attendees expressed their appreciation for the event's affordability, which was made possible thanks to the 2024 Annual Fund. A heartfelt thanks to those who contributed! Looking ahead, the Vestry and Parish Life committee hope to host more events like this, but we need your generosity. Please consider supporting the 2025 Annual Fund, "Blessed to be Generous," so we can continue creating financially accessible opportunities for our community to come together. Our deepest appreciation to the Hoedown Helpers--Virginia Kosydar, Rev. Chris & Amy, Rev. Heather, Deborah & John Summerlin, Jennifer, Warren & Rhys Jones, Shari & David Kinney, Lauren Tucker, Ed Comins and Scott Hellar! And thank you again for making this year's Hoedown such a success! Gratitude & Blessings--Claire Comins and Donalyn Hellar

Dinner Church: April 8 The last session of our spring series, "Regifting" is Tuesday, April 8, 6 pm. This will be the last session of our spring series, "Regifting." Come to share how you receive gifts, whether they be, say, material or acts of kindness from other people or God. Have you received a gift that changed your life? Join us to share a meal, build our faith and community. Please RSVP by Friday, April 4th to share the meal (but not cook) so we make enough food! Suggested donation is \$10 per person to cover the cost of groceries. .

"Love und Marriage" Concert: April 26 On Saturday, April 26 at 7pm, join our "Love und Marriage" concert with Jessica and Lee Steward singing Robert and Clara Schumann's Liebesfrühling accompanied by John Hirten. Joannie and Evan Ericson host this elegant event at their home in San Anselmo, so it should be a delight for all who attend. Tickets are \$150/person. You do not want to miss this chance to be up close to the sound and beauty of art songs celebrating love and marriage in support of St. John's.

Christian Classics Lite: Thursdays at 11am We are in the midst of our third series, focusing on the virtuous life. If you're curious about what happens in Christian Classics Lite, you are always welcome to drop in and check it out without committing to the whole series. We meet on Thursdays at 11am in the youth room. For more information, contact David Kinney or Rev. Heather.

Children's Sunday School @ 10am We will have 2 classes - Class Hope for kids from kindergarten to 2nd grade will be in the Fireside Room. Class Faith for kids from 3rd to 5th grade will be in the Garden Room near the Youth Room. After class, kids will join their parents in the church for holy communion.

Godly Play Resources Available To Borrow. Is there a favorite Bible story your family enjoys? We have Godly Play materials that families may borrow. These resources are a wonderful way to explore and learn Bible stories together at home. If interested, let Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry, know.

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet during the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Please join us for good chats!

Meet Mike Lessin, Interim Youth Minister Michael Lessin is helping in the transition as Maggie Doyle begins her new life in Canada. Michael has raised the third generation of Lessins in the county. He has been active in various youth activities including: co-founder of a literacy arts program named Streetside Stories, coaching basketball and baseball, and holding various leadership roles in the Boy Scouts. He is a substitute teacher, is completing his Masters in Education, and will teach high school in the Fall.

Listening and Visioning for the Future What are your hopes and dreams for the future of Youth Ministry at St. John's? What is important to you? We would love to hear from parents of youth. Please share thoughts with Rev. Heather (text or email or find her on a Sunday) or Katie McGee.

Instagram Follow the St. John's Youth Group at st.johnsrossyouth

Music Notes Paul J. Christiansen grew up in a musical family in Minnesota, the son of a well respected choral conductor, F. Melius Christiansen. Paul himself became a

conductor and taught for many years at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He developed the Concordia Choir in a well-known ensemble heard and seen by millions throughout the years. His arrangement of the shape-note melody *Wondrous Love* is expansive, despite its short length.

"Drop, drop slow tears" is from a set of poems at the end of *Pictorie Eclogs and other Poeticall Miscellanies*, published in 1633 by Phineas Fletcher. The tune is just the first two phrases of *Song 46* by Gibbons, found in *Hymnes and Songes of the Church*, published ten years earlier by George Withers. The tune and the text were matched with each other, probably by Ralph Vaughan Williams, in 1906 for the *English Hymnal*.

"Eternal Lord of Love, behold your church" is notable or its paradoxical images, ("Far off yet here," "Daily dying ... daily living," and "If dead in you, so we arise") almost as a reflection of the paradox of Lent as a time of preparation for the Day of the Resurrection. The tune first appeared in *Pseaumes Octantetrois de David*, published in 1551 in Geneva, the so-called "Genevan Psalter." The book is considered to be an important source for the hymns used in the early English Reformed Church. Versions in English would have been known and used by the Pilgrims coming to America. The tune was associated with the 124th Psalm, hence its name. The main compiler and editor of the book was Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559) a French-born Swiss immigrant. The most famous of all Genevan psalms is the setting of Psalm 100 (aka the "Old Hundredth") which we sing regularly as the Doxology here at St. John's.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert Altar Guild Nancy Strauch Altar Guild Judy Valentine Altar Guild Beverly Wynn Altar Guild

Kegan Donlan Communion Bread Baker

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Skip Fotch Clergy - Preacher

Rick Limpert Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Connie Granger Sunday School - Class Hope: Teacher Lexi Kernot Sunday School - Class Faith: Teacher

10:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Skip Fotch Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams Clergy - Assisting

Chip Gow EM
Bill Kaufman EM
Jo Burnett Lector
Vance Frost A/V - Audio

Kevin Erdman A/V - Video Becky Hlebasko Usher Marian Mancini Usher

THE ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Members

Ralph Peer

Jack Burns

Joe Behrendt

Ward Kallstrom

Bill See

Betty Enemark

Travis Wright

The Rev. Jan West

JT Sweet

Carol Hughes

Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Molly (friend of John Hirten's daughter)

Marcia Summers (friend of Virginia Cunningham)

Amanda McIntyre (friend of Nancy Saunders)
Martin Ash (friend of Alisa Quint)

Kayley Jones (goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

Rob Staley (friend of Anne Doyle) Ariel Leslie (friend of Joannie Ericson)

Joanne Aguilar Millan (sister of Martin Coyne)

Adam Nicolopoulos (friend of the Rankin-Williams)
Tanya Jaspering (daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund)
Jay Warner (brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Braid Mission, a diocesan mission which offers team-based mentoring for Foster Youth

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel

Responding to the needs of our communities

While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
Rector The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest The Rev. Heather Erickson

Assisting Priests The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West,

the Rev. James Ward

Bookkeeper Henry Auriti
Dir. of Children's Ministry Sandra Pathik
Dir. of Stewardship Lee Steward

Choir Section Leaders Mitch Ashley, Betsy Bennett-Smith, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward,

Paul Thompson, Nora Steward (Choral Scholar)

Church Administrator Virginia Kosydar
Music Director John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister Maggie Doyle

Treasurer Susan Aley

Vestry Pres.: The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

Senior Warden: David Kinney Junior Warden: Lexi Ford Kernot

Claire Comins, Donalyn Hellar, Alice Pidgeon,

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Lauren Tucker, Ethan Dettmer, Marian Mancini,

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Notes: "This is the posture that Jesus calls all of us into; a profoundly uncomfortable, shockingly reverent position; coming face to face, intimately engaging with the residue of Christ's footsteps to smell and almost taste the journey of Christ."





April 20th, Sunday @ 11:15AM in St. John's Church Lawn.







Bring your kids and invite friends to join the hunt as we celebrate the joy of Easter together!

For more information, email sandra@stjohnsross.org