If you’re visiting St. PJs for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we’re so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life’s journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God’s table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don’t worry – crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don’t bother us!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

H143 The glory of these forty days

1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.  
2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the steeds and chariots of flame.  
3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, the herald of Isaiah’s name.  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full of holy joy to see thy face.  
5 O Father, Son, and Spirit, blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold
OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Leader:** O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

**People:** And your glory all the day long.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Silence**

**All:** Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

**Leader:** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

HYMN OF PETITION

**Kyrie Eleison**
Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST READING  

_Exodus 20:1–17_

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader:  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People:  
Thanks be to God.
The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the L ORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the L ORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the L ORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the L ORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the L ORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O L ORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
SECOND READING  

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
People:  Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL  

John 2:13–22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
People:  Thanks be to God.
THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Please rise in body or spirit

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos santificado sea tu Nombre venga tu reino hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo Danos hoy el pan de este día y Perdona nuestras deudas como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en el tentación sino que líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amen.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be
defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil
thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve
Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage
and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Danielle and Edwina, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

**Leader:** La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.  
**People:** Y con tu espíritu.  
**Leader:** The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**  
1 Chronicles 29:11

**Leader:** Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head over all.
OFFERTORY HYMN  His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1. Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

3. When ever I am tempted, When ever clouds arise,
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

1. Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav’n and home; When
   I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free; For His

2. And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

3. When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies; I
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

1. Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He; His
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

2. by the path He lead-eth, But one step I may see; His
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

3. draw the clos-er to Him, From care He sets me free; His
   His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;

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CLOSING PRAYER A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN L109 What a friend we have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cum-bred with a load of care?

1. What a priv-i-lege to car-ry Ev’ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should never be dis-cour-aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre-cious Sav-iour, still our re-fuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith-ful who will all our sorrows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be-cause we do not car-ry Ev’ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je-sus knows our ev’ry weak-ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m.
In person and livestreamed

Wednesday Noonday Prayer | 12:30 p.m.
In person in the Chapel

Thursday Zoom Compline | 8:00 p.m.
Link available on our website

Office Hours
Tue, Fri (8 a.m.–11 a.m.) | Thu, Fri (6 p.m.–8:30 p.m.)

SERVING TODAY

Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2023

Leader:
Andrew Stump

Preacher:
Sarah Woodford

Worship Leader:
Marilyn Bergen

Musicians:
Will Cleary
Alec Pedersen
Dylan Rowland

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Treasurer: David Hill
Clerk: Maggie King

Marilyn Bergen
Isaac Mukwaya
Roni Holcomb
Pam Sayre
Maurice Harris
George Moore

We acknowledge the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger people, the traditional custodians of the land on which St. PJs is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.
--- ANNOUNCEMENTS ---

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME — March 10th
Please remember that Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour so you don’t miss church!

PARISH MEETING — March 10th
Join us for a Parish Meeting on Sunday, March 10th immediately following the service. This is a meeting for us to come and envision together what PJs will look like in the years to come. What are we looking for in our next priest in charge?

Polishing Party — March 23rd
On Saturday, March 23, at 11:00, we will hold our bi-annual polishing party. Come to assist the Altar Guild in preparing all of our beautiful liturgical elements for the Easter season!

Walden Moore Retirement Concert
On Saturday, April 13, Trinity on the Green will host a concert in celebration of the ministry of their retiring music director, Walden Moore, who has served the church for 40 years. Featuring the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock. For more information and to buy tickets, visit https://www.trinitynewhaven.org/calendar/sweet-honey.

Lenten Book Study
The Rev. Lynne Severance will be leading a book discussion group during the Lenten season, focused on Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore. The group will meet on Zoom every Tuesday evening (starting February 20) at 7:30 PM, using this link: https://zoom.us/j/962885125 (passcode: 5700).

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Danielle Reed (Mar. 7)
- Edwina Johnson (Mar. 9)

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Charles
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- Andy
- Michael
- Cynthia
- Theresa
- Gary & Family
- Herman
- Anne
- Gwen
- Isaiah
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- Judi
- Dwayne
- Nanci
- Patricia
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- Brenda & Juhani
- Lwebuga-Mukasa
- Family
- Kohl Family
- John

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY

St. PJs is a “mask-friendly” environment. Please respect everyone’s personal decisions whether or not to wear a mask. In addition, please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video which is streamed and archived on our YouTube or Facebook page.

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