

October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

Mission Statement adopted April 2023

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Organ Voluntary

Berceuse (from 24 pièces en style libre, Op.31) - Louis Vierne

Processional HymnHymn 688 - *A mighty fortress is our God*



Opening Acclamation

One: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God (Canticle 20) S 280



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The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-17

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6 Quam dilecta!

Sung by the choir

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

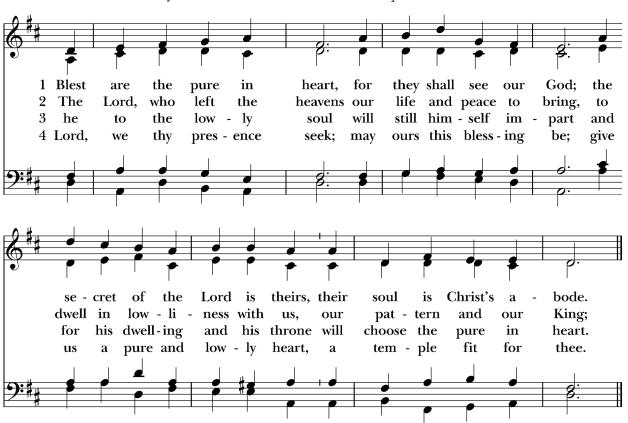
At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 656 vs. 1-2 - Blest are the pure in heart



Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Many: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 656 vs. 3-4 - Blest are the pure in heart See printed music before the Gospel reading

The Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

You have given us everything O God Most High, and have been gracious to us. Search our hearts that we might return to you as we have been given, and inspire our generosity:

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

Sustain us as you sustained your servant Paul, that in our own day we might fight the good fight of faith, and finish the race set before us:

My soul has a desire and a longing for the courts of the Lord.

Make us resolute in striving for our highest ideals, standing against every injustice, and ready to pray for our President, our Congress, Supreme Court, and all who are in positions of authority and influence:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Make us to rejoice in our parish church, and to be glad that you have set us in this place to worship, to learn, to build community, and to labor for your reign:

Happy are they who dwell in your house; they will always be praising you!

Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command:

Happy are they whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way.

Revive our sick, especially those for whom we now intercede Katie B., Mikenzy M., Rachel M.T., Steve S., and Margaret C. (the people may offer their petitions). Sustain those who offer care to the dying, the sick, or those in any need or trouble:

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs.

We pray for every person God will send our way. May their hearts be opened to new life in Christ and may we be prepared to share that life with them.

They who seek will be found!

Silence is kept.

The congregation is invited to offer prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and intercession, aloud or silently.

We encourage you to take home the prayer list, located at the end of this bulletin, and include them in your prayers.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. A brief silence is kept for examination of conscience.

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,

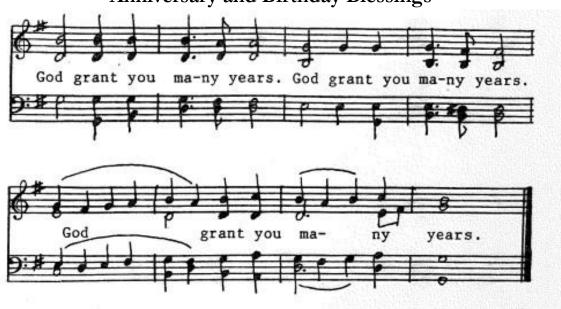
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Give Almes of Thy Goods - Christopher Tye (1500-1573)

Doxology with Alleluias



Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

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The Great Thanksgiving



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

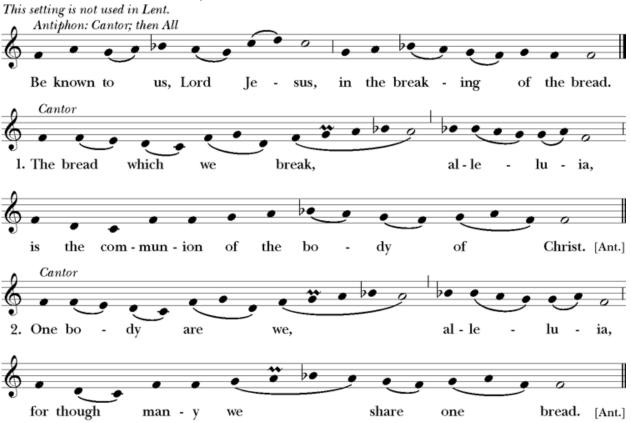
The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

One: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Many: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn S 171 - Be known to us



Invitation to Communion

All who feel called to receive communion are welcomed at the Lord's Table. If you are not yet baptized and feel called to join the body of Christ, please see the Priest after the service.

Communion

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 552 - Fight the good fight with all thy might



Hymnal 685 - Rock of ages, cleft for me



Hymnal 337 - And now, O Father, mindful of the love



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

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.

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

Congregation: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.

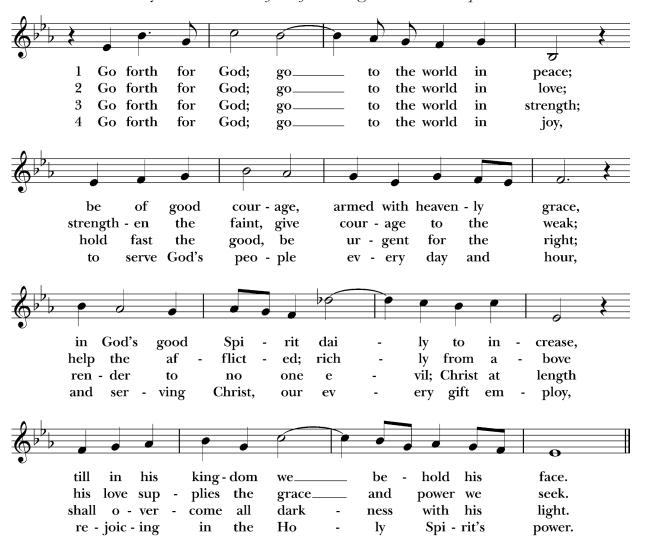
Final Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 347 - Go forth for God, go to the world in peace



Dismissal

One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Many: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in D minor, BWV 565 - J.S. Bach

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Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers(a)stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Katie B., Mikenzy M., Rachel M.T., Steve S., and Margaret C. Continued prayers for – Jane P., Kelly M., Phil C., Robin S., Ross M., Claude K., MarLynne M., Russell M., Kyra H., The Norton Family, Ciro O., Persis S., Duane P., Donald K., Jane Z., Rev. James Nutter, Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., The Boberg Family, Joyce P., Hunt S., Loretta, and David B.

For our Homebound Members: Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and the Holy Land, especially for the people in Gaza in this time of great suffering, and for the innocent people of Sudan caught in a brutal civil war. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Richard Fournier our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. and we also give Thanksgiving for all veterans and their willingness to lay down their lives for our country.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Paul J., April O., Matthew P., Jim W. and Doug N.

For the Departed: Ellen Davis Call

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Boberg by her son, Eric.

The Ministers: All the members of this church because we believe in the "priesthood of all believers" (1 Peter 2:5).

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