



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Sunday April 5, 2026 - Easter Day

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley

Featuring Nicholas Turner and Blake Peachey on Trumpets

A fanfare sounds. The Congregation stands and faces the Paschal Candle.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy day, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #207 - *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Jesus Christ is risen today,
our triumphant holy day,
who did once upon the cross,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer page 355)

One: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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.**

Easter Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #179 - *Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say*

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say:

hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!

Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!

Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,

all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:

bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,

speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.

Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,

Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.

‘Welcome, happy morning,’ age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,

of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,

mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on.

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;

come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,

‘tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;

all that now is fallen raise to life again;

show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;

bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

‘Welcome, happy morning!’ age to age shall say.

The Collect of the Day (BCP p.357)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Reader: Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino* (8:00am - spoken / 10:00am sung by the choir)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #182 - *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,

but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise

Gospel : Matthew 28:1-10

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The People stand in body or in spirit.

Rector: Beloved in Christ, through baptism we were all called to new life in the risen Lord. In baptism, we promised to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; according to the gifts given to us, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take our place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. We call upon you, therefore, to reaffirm your commitment to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Do you reaffirm the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, renouncing all that seeks to corrupt and destroy the creatures of God, and promising to serve God faithfully as the Body of Christ in the world?

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Rector: Will you bear witness to Christ wherever you may be and, according to the gifts given you, carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world?

All: **We will, with God's help.**

Rector: My siblings, the first believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And so we ask:

Will you continue to attend the worship of God regularly, to hear the Word and celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Rector: Will you continue to bear with others in your congregation, and receive all with hospitality, making your fellowship as disciples a witness to Christ?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Rector: Will you continue in a life of service to those who are powerless and outcast, and work for justice and peace?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Rector: Will you continue to lift up your companions and neighbors, the whole Church and the world in prayer?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Rector: May Almighty God, who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace and power to accomplish them.

All: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Our Lenten Vigil ended, we turn to God with minds renewed in Christ, hearts quickened by the Spirit, and hands strengthened for the labor we have been given in our homes, parish, vocations and nation; for Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

As you summoned Nicodemus to be born from above, so fill us with that fierce wind which is the breath of your Holy Spirit:

The Lord is my strength and my song!

As spiritual water welled up within the heart of the Samaritan woman for eternal life, make our lives fountains of your grace and goodness, that full of thanksgiving, we may proclaim your generosity in our own day:

The Lord has become my salvation!

As the man blind from birth was given sight and made strong in controversy, cause us to stand firm for freedom in Christ, and to contend with any who would subject us to slavery once again:

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

At home and at work, in our sacred and secular duties, help us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and to set our minds on the true and eternal being revealed:

For our life is hid with Christ in God!

For the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and especially those engaged in conflict, we pray your presence and safekeeping. For all striving for justice in the world, and for the dawning of your peaceable reign:

Your mercy endures forever.

With Lazarus unbound, Mary and Martha found consolation, and many came to faith. So rescue our sick from their distress, and heal every infirmity, especially of those for whom our prayers are now offered (the people may offer their petitions) that Christ's intruding rule may be known in the midst of present trouble:

I shall not die, but live, and declare the work of the Lord!

Roll the stone away from the tombs we have hewn for ourselves, that released from our grave cloths, we might live in the power of the resurrection, walk in ways of hope, and trade our fear for courage:

There is a sound of exultation in the tents of the righteous!

Make all we who have so much, useful for those who have little, compassionate toward those who suffer in circumstance, active on behalf of the marginalized, the different, and the difficult:

For we have seen the Lord, and our transformation is begun!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Resurrect within us mystery and perseverance, passion for the right and the good, a well-spring of compassion, and readiness to journey in the strength of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, Redeemer, and Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (10:00am service)

With a Voice of Singing

Featuring Nicholas Turner and Blake Peachey on Trumpets

Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP p. 367)

(spoken at 8:00am, sung at 10:00am)

The_ Lord be___ with_ you. And_ al - so with you.

Lift___ up your hearts.___ We lift___ them to___ the Lord.---

Let us give thanks___ to the Lord_ our God.

It is right___ to give him thanks and praise.---

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus (BCP p. 367)

(spoken at 8:00am, sung at 10:00am)

Blue Hymnal S 124 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Mary, Saint 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 (BCP p. 363)

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 (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #178 - *Jesus is Lord of all the earth* (10:00am service)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior

Hymn 335 - *I am the bread of life* (10:00am service)

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.

The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.

Blue Hymnal #199 - *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain* (10:00am service)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymn 88 - *My Faith Looks up to Thee*
(10:00am service)



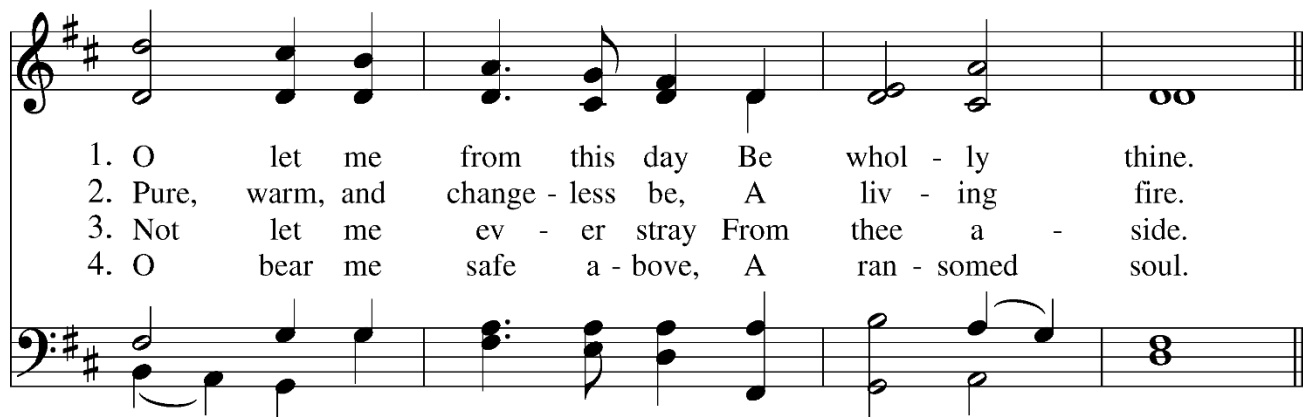
1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 366)

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

[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.]**

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #180 - *He is risen, he is risen*

He is risen, he is risen!
 Tell it out with joyful voice:
 he has burst his three days' prison;
 let the whole wide earth rejoice:
 death is conquered, we are free,
 Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
 with glad smile and radiant brow!
 Death's long shadows have
 departed;
 Jesus' woes are over now,
 and the passion that he bore—
 sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy
 hymning,
 hail our Lord's triumphant day;
 not one darksome cloud is
 dimming
 yonder glorious morning ray,
 breaking o'er the purple east,
 symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen!
 He hath opened heaven's gate:
 we are free from sin's dark prison,
 risen to a holier state;
 and a brighter Easter beam
 on our longing eyes shall stream.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postludes (10:00am service)

Trumpet Voluntary - Henry Purcell

Trumpet Fanfare and Tune - Henry Purcell

Featuring Nicholas Turner and Blake Peachey on Trumpets

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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@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: The Rev. Victoria Sirota, Our friends at Fresh Start, Robert H., Brian M., Fred K., Judy H., Finley G., and Janet M. **Continued prayers for** – Ross M., MarLynne M., Steve S., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., Scott, Christopher, Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Kyra H., Donald K., Jane Z., John N., Donald H., The Hosmer Family, Brenda D., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Kelly M., D., M., L., and Katie 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 for the innocent people in Gaza, Sudan and Iran. For those suffering in other countries in the Middle East. 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 Susan Hawes 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. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace. 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: Penelope B., Judy J., Karl S. and Deborah T.

For the Departed: Melissa Alleborn and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Given to the Greater Glory of God as Thank Offerings and in Thanksgiving for, or in Loving Memory, or in Honor of:

Melissa Alleborn	Marie & Edward Lyden
Joseph & Edna Bardeen	The Matulis Family
Clare Barkley	Edna & William Neebe
Gayle Boone	The Nixon Family
Dorothy & Bill Collins	Gary J. Norton
Jean Barrie, mother of Patty Counihan	Jim Patterson
Dr. Harold Cross	Ralph & Evelyn Robbins
Clifford "Mickey" Demmons	Rita Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Dymond, Jr.	Arthur & Rose Roy
Wilfred Dymond	Albert Roy
Carroll H. Faulkner	The Rueff Family
Marian Ford	Constance and Robert Scully
Orlando Frati	Levering B. Sherman Jr.+
Mr. & Mrs. Edson George	Barbara C. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Dana Grindle	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Soule
John Guidas	Richard, Thomas & James Soule
Mr. Richard Halsey	Judith Stefano, beloved aunt
Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Heath	Ruth & George Theiss
Joseph & Virginia Howell	The Torrance Family
John M. Ingalls	Kristin Weeks
Eileen & Russ Irwin	Jane & Ralph Whedon
Fred Jones	Carlton J Wiggin Sr.
Catherine Bardeen Knox	Marian F. Wiggin
Andrew Knox	Fr. John A. Wingert
Ramona & Wendell Livingston	Dr. & Mrs. George Wright Jr.

This Week At St. John's

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th & 7th.

April 12th

We've kept Fr. Kerbel busy during Holy Week, so he'll be off this week enjoying some R&R. Do you know who else will be taking a break on the 12th? Our hard working Streaming Team. So if you want to catch the service, you'll need to attend in person! We hope you'll join us.

Great Wednesday

Great Wednesday is currently on hiatus. This includes the Wednesday 5:30pm Eucharist.

8:00am Rite Service Returns

We are so excited to announce that beginning on **April 19th**, we'll be offering a Rite I service at 8:00am and a Rite II service at 10:00am.

Celebration of New Ministry

We invite you to join us on April 19th at 4:00pm when The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Tenth Bishop of Maine, comes for the Installation of The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The Rector is Seeking a Focus Group

Over my thirty plus years of ministry, I have helped many people make the transition from toxic versions of our faith to the healthy version that the Episcopal Church - at our best - offers. My new project is to go from one-to-one work to offering a group for folks "recovering from religion." Many have been harmed - indeed traumatized - by churches that use excessive guilt, shame, and fear to control their church members. My long held belief is that the church needs to work intentionally at becoming a trustworthy and safe space where folks can detox from toxic faith and discover that they can have a relationship with God that is joyful, happy and free. What I need are people who can assist me in designing, offering, and leading such a group experience. If you have lived experience with recovery from toxic faith, all the better.

Rector Essays

Each week, the electronic newsletter, This Week at St. John's, features an essay by Fr. Kerbel. You can also find his essays at <https://stjohnsbangor.org/rectors-essays/> including all past essays.

Music Off Broadway - Reviving the Mic!

Presented by the Rotary Clubs of Bangor, Bangor Breakfast Club and Old Town and produced by Roger George with a cast of local talent including Nancy Dymond. April 11th at 7:00pm and April 12th at 3:00pm at Peakes Auditorium, Bangor High School.

Serving on Sunday April 5th at 8:00am:**Lectors** – TBD**Acolytes** – Robert F., Cindy L. and Scott B.**Chalice Bearers** – Robert F. and Cindy L.**Ushers** – Mary W.**Serving on Sunday April 5th at 10:00am:****Lectors** – Hilary G., Jacqueline C. and Michele V.**Acolytes** – Grant P., Isaac P., Eric G., Ruth G. and Edmund H.**Chalice Bearers** – Cassy P. and Grant P.**Ushers** – Jim B., Roger G., Sheila S. and Zach W.**Counters** – Mary W. and Paul J.**Serving on Sunday April 12th at 10:00am:****Lectors** – Jacqueline C., Ann H. and Kelsi H.**Acolytes** – Dakota M., Scott B. and Robert F.**Chalice Bearers** – Scott B. and Jacquie W.**Ushers** – Katharine F. and Eric G.**Counters** – Hilary G. and Jim B.

Thank you to all who volunteer as **Lectors**, **Acolytes**, **Chalice Bearers** and **Ushers**. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.

What's Happening This Week

- **TODAY, 8:00am:** Easter Sunday Worship, in-person.
- **TODAY, 10:00am:** Easter Sunday Worship, in-person and online followed by Coffee Hour. Nursery and Sunday School are available. Following the service there will be an Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
- **TODAY, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Monday - Tuesday, April 6th & 7th:** The Parish Office will be closed in celebration of Easter.
- **Thursday, April 9th, 5:30pm:** Choir rehearsal. Contact the Choir Director, Colin Graebert, for more information on how to join.
- **Saturday, April 11th, 12:00 pm:** Second Saturday Community lunch in the Undercroft. Contact David and Rex for more information at secondsaturday@stjohnsbangor.org
- **Sunday, April 12th, 10:00am:** Worship, in-person and online followed by Coffee Hour. Nursery and Sunday School are available.
- **Sunday, April 12th, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

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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