



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

April 19, 2026

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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### Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

*Grave, Adagio (from Partita No. 2 in c minor) - J.S. Bach*

### Processional Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #174- *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his piercéd side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free  
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee  
with the Spirit ever be.

### Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer p. 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.

**Opening Anthem** (BCP p. 356) (8:00am spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Blue Hymnal #S280 - *Glory to God (Canticle 20)* (10:00am service)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

*Spoken together at 8:00am*

*Sung by the choir at 10:00am*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
 in the presence of all his people,  
 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
 Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (10:00am service)  
 Lift Every Voice and Sing # 69 - *In the Garden*

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, — While the  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so  
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him — Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing  
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He  
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.  
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, — And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er — known. —

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

### The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

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**

On this third Sunday in Easter, walk with us on our own Emmaus road, for though we place our hope in you, we are slow of heart to believe all the prophets have declared:

**Stay with us when evening is at hand.**

Make our hearts to burn within as the scriptures are opened, and let us recognize you in the breaking of the bread:

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.**

Deepen our commitment to the proclamation of a sound Gospel, forming conscience, intellect and will in pursuit of truth and right living:

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord.**

We pray for the Church and for all the people of God who labor for good (the people may add their own petitions), that we might offer sure witness to Christ's resurrection:

**We are your servants, and you have freed us from our bonds.**

We give thanks for our young and for our aged, for occasions of joy and every cause of gladness from your hand:

**In the courts of the Lord's House...Hallelujah!**

We intercede for those suffering oppression, and for all hampered by dividing bitterness. Wherever hate has grown hard and people cannot make peace, grant your saving Spirit:

**The Lord watches over the innocent.**

We pray for all who have died, and especially those whom we now name before you (the people may offer their petitions). Hold them in eternal life, and seal our hearts in the knowledge Christ's resurrection:

**Precious in God's sight is the death of the faithful.**

Make our love genuine, that we may care for one another from the heart, as those who have been born anew from imperishable seed, through the living and enduring Word of God:

**We will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

### The Peace (BCP p. 360)

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

*All:* **And also with you.**

### Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

God grant you ma-ny years. God grant you ma-ny years.

God grant you ma-ny years.

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem (10:00am service)**

*O Taste and See* - music by Heinrich Isaac

## 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

### Sursum Corda (BCP p. 367)(spoken at 8:00am)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Sursum Corda (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)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Sanctus

Blue Hymnal # S125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Sung at 10:00am)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**Blue Hymnal # S 161 - *Lamb of God* (10:00am service)**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)**

**Communion**

**Communion Hymns**

**Blue Hymnal #325 - *Let us break bread together on our knees* (10:00am service)**

Let us break bread together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees,  
 with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees,  
 with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees,  
 with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

**Blue Hymnal #318 - *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face* (10:00am service)**

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
 here would I touch and handle things  
 unseen;  
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal  
 grace,  
 and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of  
 God;  
 here drink with thee the royal Wine of  
 heaven;  
 here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
 another arm save thine to lean upon;  
 it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
 my strength is in thy might, thy might  
 alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the  
 righteousness;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing  
 Blood.  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my  
 peace;  
 thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my  
 God.

**Blue Hymnal #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.

*Refrain*

[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.

*Refrain*

Unless you eat  
 of the Flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his Blood,  
 you shall not have life within you.

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

**Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)**

**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.]**

### Final Blessing (BCP p. 366)

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

### Hymn at Retiring Procession (10:00am service)

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!**

### Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

*Carillon de Westminster* - Louis Vierne

## 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](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbangor.org).*

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer:** Ann Holland, The Rev. Victoria Sirota, and Our friends at Fresh Start **Continued prayers for** – Robert H., Brian M., Fred K., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Kyra H., Donald K., Jane Z., Judy H., Finley G., Janet M., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Kelly M., D., M., L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Steve S., Kent C., Ann C., and Esther R.

**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:** Charlene B., Edmund H. and Susanna P.

**For the Departed:** for our service members killed in the current conflict.

**Serving on Sunday April 19th at 8:00am:**

**Lectors** – TBD  
**Chalice Bearer** – Cindy L.

**Serving on Sunday April 19th at 10:00am:**

**Lectors** – Zach W., Evan T., and Chris M.  
**Acolytes** – Eric G., Ruth G., and Edmund H.  
**Chalice Bearers** – Richard W. and Nancy D.  
**Ushers** – Andy H. and Patty H.  
**Counters** – Ken H. and Don L.

**Serving on Sunday April 19th at 4:00pm:**

**Lectors** – Eric G., Eilon Z. and Michele V.  
**Acolytes** – Dakota M., Eric G. and Scott B.  
**Ushers** - Jim B. and Mary W.

**Serving on Sunday April 26th at 8:00am:**

**Lectors** – TBD  
**Chalice Bearer** – Patricia S.

**Serving on Sunday April 26th at 10:00am:**

**Lectors** – Ben O., Alan B. and Nancy D.  
**Acolytes** – Dakota M., Obi O. and Gavin F.  
**Chalice Bearers** – David C. and Robert F.  
**Ushers** – Ken H. and John H.  
**Counters** – Marsha C. and Roger G.

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.

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## Vestry Report 4-14-26

We are a congregation and a community. We have been given a challenge. How do we effectively assist the unhoused in Bangor? The Rev. Kerbel has led us in attempting to meet this challenge. We seek the grace of the Holy Spirit to guide us in how best to accomplish this. Due to the Reverend's extreme devotion to the gospel, he acted when he saw those around us uncared for. The encampment was not planned. We did not investigate the city ordinances or the codes.

The Director of Code Enforcement has been instructed to close the encampment down. He held off making a police raid on the encampment. We should be thankful for his understanding and compassion. The City Codes are clear and we are in violation. After face-to-face negotiations with the Director of Code Enforcement, we have agreed that the deadline for closure of the encampment will be Thursday, 4-16-26, at 10:00 am.

Mr. Bruce Hews, the Director of Homeless Services, has visited the encampment and is committed to working with the inhabitants to find an alternative to our encampment. He is committed to working with all houses of worship and seeks assistance wherever he can find it.

The Rev. Kerbel and I met Jim and Laura Winters on 4-14-26. We listened to their concerns and thanked them for their work and promised to find ways for them to continue their ministry. Hilary Graebert and David Conaway are deeply committed to service those in need that are unhoused.

We need to turn our adversaries to allies and we are in the process of accomplishing this. John Bapst and St. John's have reconciled, and we have agreed to work collaboratively together.

I see this as an opportunity for growth of the whole congregation. The Rev. Nutter saved the soul of St. John's, The Rev. Kerbel will lead us to fulfill our Christian mission. Let's support our rector, let's serve the community. We are a church in service to others.

Christopher Morin, MD, MBA, FACS  
Senior Warden, St. John's Episcopal Church

## This Week At St. John's

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### Celebration of New Ministry

We invite you to join us today, 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.

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### Easter Book Recommendations by Fr. Kerbel

**Resurrection** by Rowan Williams - The best book on the Resurrection I know by the wisest theologian Anglicanism has produced in a long time.

**The Great Divorce** by CS Lewis: I read this slim volume overnight from Maundy Thursday into Good Friday and was deeply convicted by it. Lewis, in his masterful fashion, gives us a fantasy journey into the afterlife featuring a bus, some very crabby characters, lions (of course), unicorns, angels, etc. The book is a series of dialogues - sometimes hilarious and sometimes painful but always revealing - between departed souls and heavenly intermediaries who are attempting to help the souls find their way. Like many writings by Lewis it contains some retrograde attitudes here and there and some axes he loves to grind. If you can overlook the faults there is a lot to be gained.

**In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts** by Gabor Mate, MD - Hands down the best book I can recommend on addiction and street homelessness. Written in an engaging first-person style, the good Doctor relates his experience of treating people with addiction in the skid row section of Vancouver. If you want to understand the challenges facing our neighbors who are homeless and the people who give care to them, this is your book!

**Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism** by Angus Deaton and Anne Case - Why do so many Americans die of addiction and suicide, especially white people in economically distressed regions? Deaton and Case - married Sociologists at Princeton University - researched this question and came up with some surprising results. Why would I recommend this in the Happy Resurrection Season of Easter? Because, the GRACE, HOPE, and COMMUNITY that comes from the Risen Jesus are the cures for the torment of despair! We followers of Jesus know the cure and we need to get much better at sharing it to save lives and souls!

For Parents and Grandparents and Children: **The Narnia Books** by CS Lewis! Read **The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe** out loud to your children and grandchildren or give it as a gift for them to read on their own. Watch the movie - after reading the book - and wonder out loud to the children, "I wonder who Aslan really is?". After a few minutes, blow their minds by telling them that Aslan is Jesus!

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### Easter is Baptism Season!

Adults, Teenagers, Children, Babies; Easter Season is a great time to be Baptized into the Risen Life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please contact the Rector to set a date. Easter Season stretches from Easter to Pentecost Sunday which is May 24 this year. Of course we can also do Baptisms all summer.

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### **Kairos Prison Ministry**

**“...I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (Matthew 25:36)**

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (Kairos) is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which men and women volunteers bring Christ’s love and forgiveness to prisoners and their families.

The Kairos programs take the participants on a journey that demonstrates the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kairos Prison Ministry is Christian in nature, although no religious affiliation is necessary to be a participant.

The programs involve a structured model that includes the weekend experience, followed by guests or participants gathering regularly for accountability, support, and prayer.

Come to Coffee Hour on April 26 for a brief presentation on how Kairos operates locally! The point of contact at St. John's is Alison Barkley.

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### **Great Wednesday**

We’re taking a brief pause on Great Wednesday to give everyone who makes it possible a break, a chance to rest before we start up again. I’ll offer either a Bible or Book Study on Wednesdays in May in a modified format that will most likely include Eucharist and pizza. - Jarrett

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### **Third Annual New England REEL Recovery Film Festival**

Please come to part or all of the Third Annual New England REEL Recovery Film Festival, taking place on Saturday, May 2nd 10am - 6pm at the Gracie Theatre at Husson University in Bangor, and support our friends at Fresh Start.

The festival brings together community members, service providers, advocates, and organizations who share a commitment to creating compassionate, informed responses to substance use disorder in Maine and beyond. Through carefully selected films and meaningful conversation, REEL Recovery creates space for awareness, connection, and hope.

This year, the goal is to raise \$50,000 for the Maine Association of Recovery Residences (MARR) Bed Sponsorship Fund (BSF), a critical program that helps remove financial barriers to recovery housing. The BSF provides low-barrier access to participating MARR-certified recovery residences for individuals ready to take the next step in their recovery journey but without the financial means to do so. Your presence helps amplify recovery stories and directly supports pathways to safe, stable recovery housing for those who need it most! Contacts at St. John's: William Somes, Alison Barkley.

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### **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.

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### Fresh Start

Thank you from Fresh Start for all St. John's does for them! They are currently in need of gently used or new bed linens and towels/washcloths. They have mainly full-size beds, but there is a need for twin and queen linens as well. Please either drop donations in the bin at the back of the church labeled "Fresh Start", or take them to the office during office open hours. Thank you!

### St. John's Book Group

St. John's Episcopal Church Book Group will next meet on April 21st at 2:00pm on Zoom. April's book is: *ALL THE BEAUTY IN THE WORLD: the Metropolitan Museum of Art and me*. The author is Patrick Brinkley, a 10 year guard at the museum. Interested readers may contact the church office for more information. New members are always welcome.

### Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to **the office** by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG, and announcements in Word (not in a PDF).

### What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, April 19th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, April 19th, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, April 19th, 11:30am:** Vestry Meeting
- **Sunday, April 19th, 4:00pm:** Celebration of New Ministry, The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown, Tenth Bishop of Maine presiding with a joy filled reception following in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, April 19th, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Tuesday, April 21st, 2:00pm:** St. John's Book Group on Zoom.
- **Wednesday, April 22nd, 5:30pm:** Choir rehearsal \*\*\*\*day change for this week\*\*\*\*
- **Sunday, April 26th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, April 26th, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, April 26th, during Coffee Hour:** Come learn more about Kairos Ministry.
- **Sunday, April 26th, 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](http://www.stjohnsbangor.org).**



## **Celebration of New Ministry**

By the Grace of God  
the Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown  
Tenth Bishop of Maine  
will celebrate the new ministry of

### **The Reverend Jarrett Kerbel**

as Rector of  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
225 French Street  
Bangor, Maine

on  
Sunday, the nineteenth day of April  
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy are asked to wear white stoles.

The service will be also livestreamed on  
St. John's YouTube page.

**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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