



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

**May 3, 2026**

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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

*Largo (from Trio Sonata No.1 in C Major), BWV 529 - J.S. Bach*

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

Blue Hymnal #212 - *Awake, arise, lift up your voice*

Awake, arise, lift up your voice,  
let Easter music swell;  
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice  
and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise  
the saints their Savior greet;  
nor will they trust their ears and eyes  
but by his hands and feet,

those hands of liberal love indeed  
in infinite degree,  
those feet still free to move and bleed  
for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone  
as Pilate gave them leave,  
lest dead and friendless and alone  
he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand  
by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude again command  
your host from heaven restored!

**Opening Acclamation** (**B**ook of **C**ommon **P**rayer 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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Spoken together at 8:00am*

*Sung by the choir at 10:00am*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

Blue Hymnal # 525 - *The Church’s one foundation*

The Church’s one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,

their cry goes up, ‘How long?’  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## Gospel: John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*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**

Refine us, O Lord, that we may become people of spiritual depth, and rid us of all malice, guile, insincerity, envy, slander and those things which hurt the soul:

**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge.**

Build us into a spiritual house and make us a holy priesthood that we may proclaim the excellence of the One who has called us into Light:

**Make your face to shine upon your servants.**

In your house, O Lord, there are many dwelling places. Bless the faithful in all places, and most especially those suffering trouble and oppression. Strengthen ties that bind Christians one to another, and people of good will to the right and the true:

**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge.**

Show us the Son that we might know the Father, and make us into the image of your Son that we might act in servant ministry, revealing the face of Christ:

**Make your face to shine upon your servants.**

Be with the sick for whom we intercede (the people may offer their petitions). Comfort the anxious and troubled, and grant us strength and guidance to bind up the sorrows of those we love:

**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge.**

Make us long for the pure, spiritual milk of your Word and presence that we might be built upon Christ the cornerstone, chosen and precious; for once we had not known mercy, but now we have received mercy:

**Make your face to shine upon your servants, and in your loving-kindness, save us.**

### 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)

*Ubi caritas*

traditional text, music by Ola Gjeilo

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

## 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!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.  
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

## 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 #307 - *Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor* (10:00am service)**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
 first-begotten from the dead.  
 Thou alone, our strong defender,  
 liftest up thy people's head.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
 here in loving reverence bow;  
 here for faith's discernment pray we,  
 lest we fail to know thee now.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Thou art here, we ask not how.

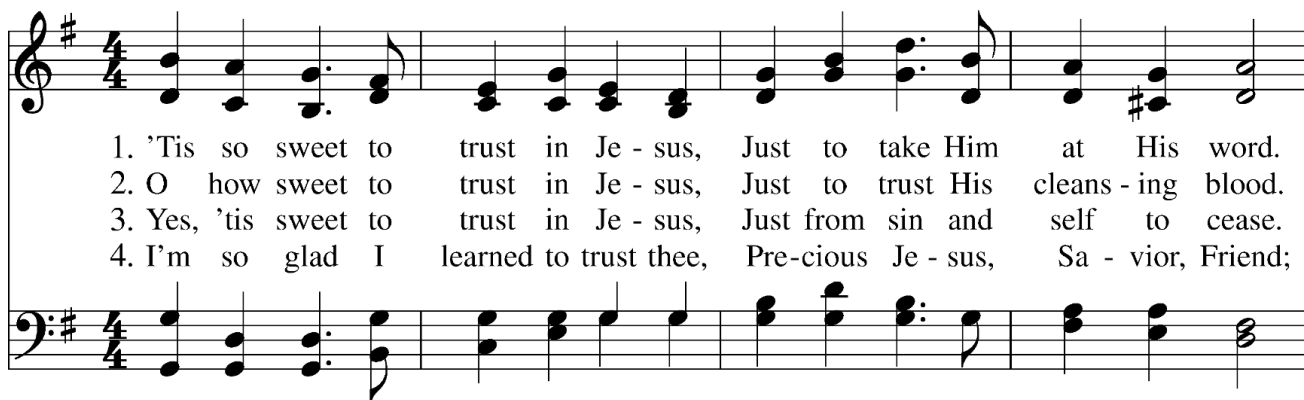
Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
 as of old in Bethlehem,  
 here as there thine angels hail thee,  
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 We in worship join with them.

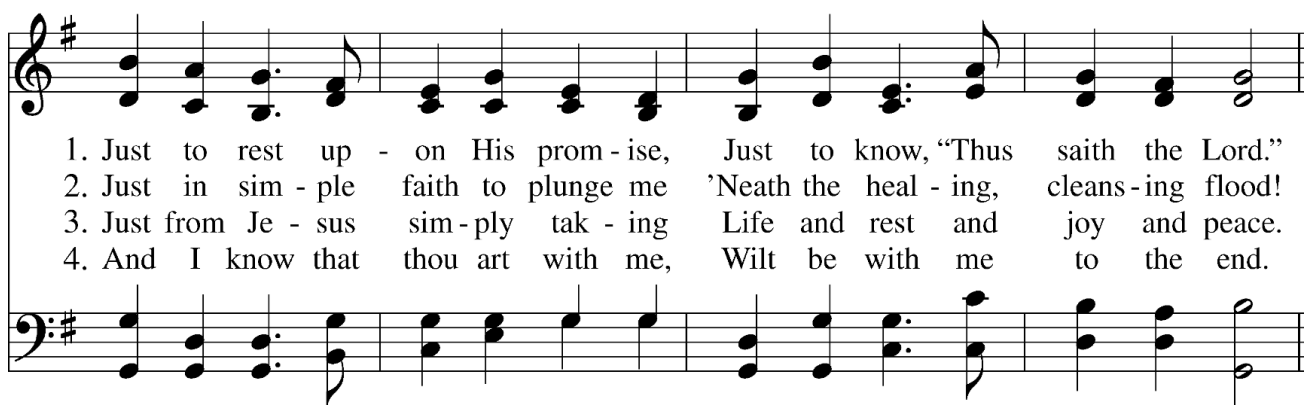
Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
 once for all when thou wast slain,  
 in its fullness undiminished  
 shall for evermore remain.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Cleansing us from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
 smitten Rock with streaming side,  
 heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
 worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Risen, ascended, glorified!

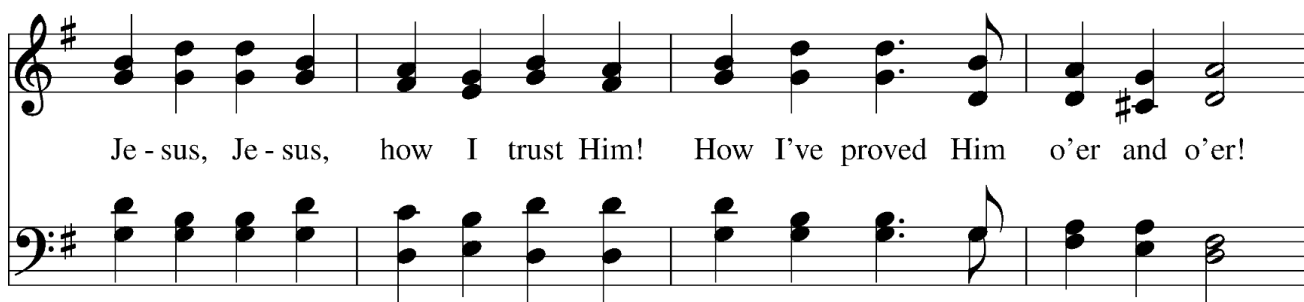
Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #108 - *Tis so sweet to trust Jesus*  
(10:00am service)



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.  
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.  
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.  
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;



1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!  
3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.  
4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

**Blue Hymnal #337 - *And now, O Father, mindful of thy love* (10:00am service)**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's  
tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to  
thee,  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo! between our sins and their reward,  
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our  
best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!  
O do thine utmost for their soul's true weal!  
From tainting mischief keep them pure and  
clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to  
persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!  
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

**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 #518 - *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

### 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)

*Fantasy in g minor, BWV 542 - J.S. Bach*

**Serving on Sunday May 3rd at 8:00am:****Lectors – TBD****Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.****Serving on Sunday May 3rd at 10:00am:****Lectors – David F., Richard W. and Chris M.****Acolytes – Eric G., Obi O. and Ruth G.****Chalice Bearers – Cindy L. and Cassy P.****Ushers – Jeff P. and Zach W.****Counters – Rex B. and Mary W.****Serving on Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00pm:****Lectors – Michele V. and Hilary G.****Acolytes – Eric G., Ruth G. and Robert F.****Ushers – Jim B. and Mary W.****Serving on Sunday May 10th at 8:00am:****Lectors – TBD****Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.****Serving on Sunday May 10th at 10:00am:****Lectors – Ruth G., Jacqueline C. and Evan T.****Acolytes – Grant P., Isaac P. and David C.****Chalice Bearers – Grant P. and David C.****Ushers – Andy H. and Patty H.****Counters – Jim B. and Hilary 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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## 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:**

Dustin, Hunt and Allison, Haley, and Mary W. **Continued prayers for** – Henry L., Anna-Claire, Kelly M., D., M., L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., The Rev. Sirota, Our friends at Fresh Start, 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., and Jane P.

**For our Homebound Members:** Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., LeeW., Donna W., Lura W., 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:** Mary-Frances B., Gail C., Joshua S., Gracie S. and Jane Z.

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

## **This Week At St. John's**

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### **The CAT is here!**

No, not the CAT in the Hat, the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). The CAT is a parish survey tool that gathers data, benchmarks it against other churches of similar size, and presents the data in an easily understandable format. The survey begins on May 3 and continues to May 17. All church members can access it online through this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STJOHNECBANGORME> . The Vestry will use the data collected for strategic planning purposes so we need a high level of participation from the congregation! 100% participation by active members would be ideal! Help to shape the direction of your church by sharing your perspective and observations through this easy to use tool. If using a computer is an obstacle for you please contact Vanessa in the office or the Rector and I will sit down and help you out either during the week or on a Sunday. - Jarrett

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### **Choral Evensong**

Please join us, today, May 3rd at 4:00 pm for a serene and reflective service of music, scripture, and prayer. Rooted in centuries-old Anglican tradition, this offering features exquisite choral works, sung psalms and responses, and contemplative prayers that invite stillness and renewal at the close of the day. Whether you are seeking spiritual nourishment, a moment of quiet, or simply an appreciation for sacred music, Choral Evensong at St. John's offers a welcoming space for all. There is no cost to attend this service, but we would welcome donations of canned food items in support of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter.

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### **Great Wednesday returns in May!**

Join us for Worship + Supper + Bible Study. 5:30pm Eucharist, 6:00 pm Bible Study and Food. The Beatitudes in Matthew & Luke. May 6th-27th.

(The Beatitudes are eight or nine blessings recounted by Jesus in Matthew 5:3-10 within the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, and four in the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of Luke, followed by four woes which mirror the blessings.)

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### **Ministry Opportunity Fair**

On May 17 the many ministries of St. John's will be present at Coffee Hour to tell you about what they do and to see if you want to join their ministry. Each ministry will have a table featuring a delicious snack or beverage to entice you, an activity to engage you, and information about what they do. We will have a bingo card for each member. Everyone who visits all the tables gets a prize! The vital mission and ministry of St. John's totally depends on volunteers and our hope is that everyone will find an opportunity for joyful service here.

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### **Name Tags**

The new name tags are ready to be used. We hope you love them! If we missed you, we're sorry, please add your name to the sign up sheet and we'll get one made for you for next week. \*\*If you have a pacemaker, please request that we create a name tag without a magnet for you. The new ones have magnets and cannot be used by people with a pacemaker.\*\*

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### Encampment Update

Thanks to local service providers and follow up by our church members, one guest at our encampment entered detox and on discharge will have housing. Another couple who stayed with us just found housing this week and were able to make rent with some minor assistance from the church. We are continuing to stay in touch with our former guests, offering assistance where appropriate or just a listening ear and some kindness. If you would like to engage in street ministry, please let Jarrett know.

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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 (May 24). Of course we can also do Baptisms all summer.

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### Summer Music at St. John's

Hello parishioners of St. John's Church. It is hard for me to believe that summer is close upon us and thus, the conclusion of the 2025-2026 choir season is on May 31st.. This means that, while choir members are always encouraged to vest and join Josh and I, we will have openings for musical offerings during the Offertory portions of our summer services. Please let me (Colin - [choirdirector@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:choirdirector@stjohnsbangor.org)) or Josh ([jbachsing@gmail.com](mailto:jbachsing@gmail.com)) know if you would like to make a musical offering this summer! - Blessings, Colin Graebert, Choir Director

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### Camp Bishopswood

Camp Bishopswood is so excited to announce their summer camp schedules. Camp registration is filling up fast and the kids are ready to have the summer of their life. You can find brochures about the camp in the Undercroft during coffee hour today, or at [www.bishopswood.org](http://www.bishopswood.org).

**Great news** - Fr. Kerbel has scholarship money available to help pay for campers to go to Camp Bishopswood. Please speak to him or send him an email to apply for a scholarship.

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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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### 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).

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### What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, May 3rd, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, May 3rd, 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, May 3rd, 4:00pm:** Choral Evensong
- **Sunday, May 3rd, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Wednesday, May 6th, 5:30pm:** Great Wednesday 5:30pm service, 6:00pm Bible Study and food.
- **Thursday, May 7th, 5:30pm:** Choir rehearsal
- **Saturday, May 9th, 12:00 pm:** Second Saturday in the Undercroft. Please contact David C. for more information at [secondsaturday@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:secondsaturday@stjohnsbangor.org).
- **Sunday, May 10th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, May 10th, 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, May 10th, 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).**

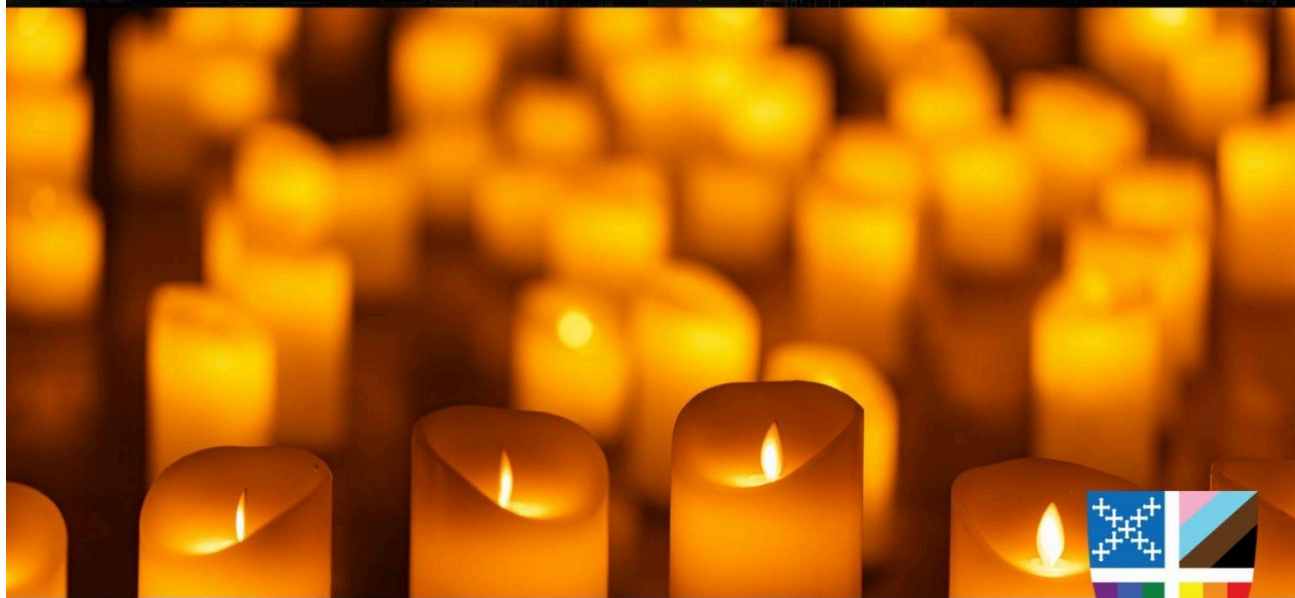
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**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> - 4 PM**

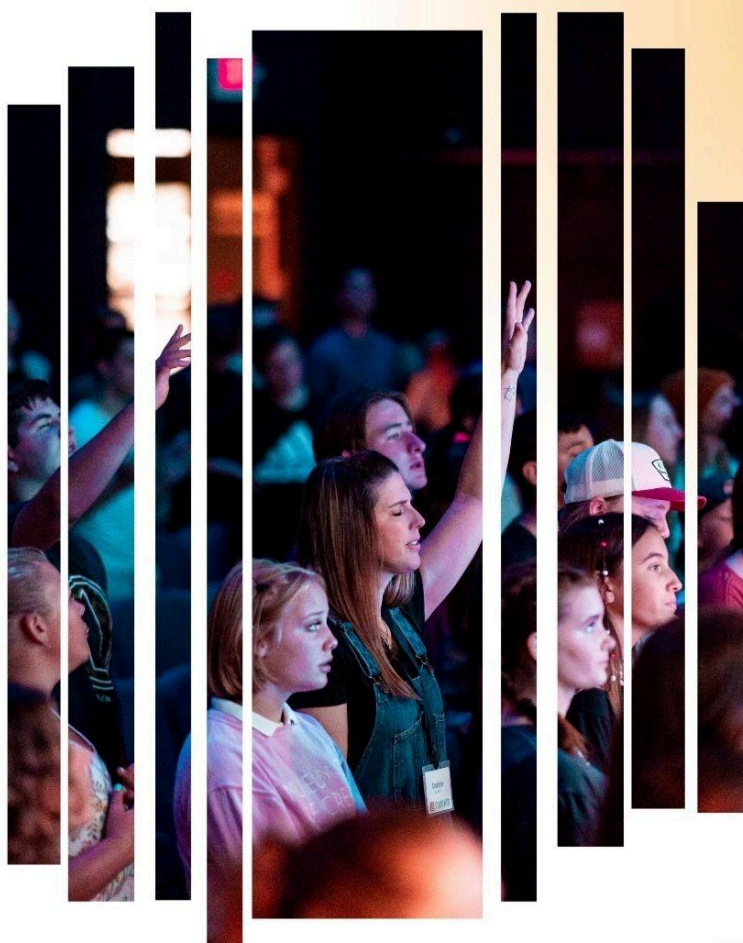
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The Beatitudes in Matthew & Luke. May 6 to 27.

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**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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