



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

May 17, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

Basse et Dessus de Trompette - Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Processional Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #460 - *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received
him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of holy Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

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 - mighty 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.

The Collect

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

Spoken together at 8:00am

Sung by the choir at 10:00am

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
*
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #214 - *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height,
Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

Father of orphans, and defender of widows, you willed that your Son Jesus should ascend to a place of glory, so that you might accomplish Christ's work through those called by his Name:
Come to us with strength, that we may be your witnesses.

Mother to the bereft, and scourge of the unjust, baptize us in your Spirit, that we might share your passion for mercy, truth and righteousness:
Form us in the image of your Son.

You, O Christ, have entered the eternal realm on our behalf,
You have gone on high and led captivity captive.

You are our God, the God of our salvation,
God is the Lord, by whom we escape the second death.

We pray for the distressed of the earth, remembering those dwelling in the midst of war and conflict, and those within our own nation suffering poverty and want. Grant us guidance to intercede for all deprived of life's fullness:
In your goodness, make provision for the poor.

We intercede with the Spirit's own intercession for the sick (the people may add their petitions), and for the Church (intercessions for the Church may be offered) that we might be revived in service:
Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God.

We offer particular thanks for those engaging faith and vocation afresh this Easter Season, and especially for those quickened within our parish family:
God gives the solitary a home, and brings forth prisoners into freedom.

Blessed be the Lord, day by day:
The God of our salvation bears all our burdens.

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains two lines of music with the lyrics 'God grant you ma-ny years. God grant you ma-ny years.' The second system contains two lines of music with the lyrics 'God grant you ma-ny years.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (10:00am service)

Breathe on Me Breath of God

text by Edwin Hatch, music by Robert Jackson (1842-1914), arr by Robert J. Powell

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 #219 - *The Lord ascendeth up on high*

(10:00am service, turn the page for the hymn)

The Lord ascendeth up on high,
 the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,
 in power and might excelling;
 the grave and hell are captive led.
 Lo! he returns, our glorious Head,
 to his eternal dwelling.

The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
 by saints, by angel hosts adored;
 O day of exultation!

O earth, adore thy glorious King!
 His rising, his ascension sing
 with grateful adoration!

Our great High Priest hath gone before,
 upon his Church his grace to pour;
 and still his love he giveth.
 O may our hearts to him ascend;
 may all within us upward tend
 to him who ever liveth!

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #43 - *Because He Lives*
(10:00am service)

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —

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.

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 #494 - *Crown Him with many crowns*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,

who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

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)

Variations on "New Britain" - Johannes Matthias Michel/ George Shearing

Serving on Sunday May 17th at 8:00am:**Lectors – TBD****Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.****Serving on Sunday May 17th at 10:00am:****Lectors – Jacquie W. and Shannon W.****Acolytes – Dakota M., Cindy L. and Obi O.****Chalice Bearers – Robert F. and Cindy L.****Ushers – Mary W. and Zach W.****Counters – Ken H. and Don L.****Serving on Sunday May 24th at 8:00am:****Lectors – TBD****Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.****Serving on Sunday May 24th at 10:00am:****Lectors – Chris M., Cindy L., Kelsi H., Richard W., Evan T., Chaofan C., Ann H., Katharine F., Shannon W., Scott B., Robert F., Ben O. and Zach W.****Acolytes – Dakota M., Gavin F. and Edmund H.****Chalice Bearers – Cassy P. and Grant P.****Ushers – Katharine F. and Eric G.****Counters – Mary W. and Paul J.**

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.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Will and Neal, Carl H., Earlene B., Doreen W., Mikenzy, Lyla C., and Dustin **Continued prayers for** – Hunt and Allison, Haley, Mary W., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Kyra H., Donald K., Jane Z., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Anna-Claire, Kelly M., D., M., L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., and Esther R.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., 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: Deej P.

For the Departed: Renee Ordway, for our service members killed in the current conflict.

This Week At St. John's

Great Wednesday

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.

Ministry Opportunity Fair Today

Join us today in the Undercroft as the many ministries of St. John's gather at Coffee Hour to tell you about what they do and to see if you want to join their ministry. Each ministry has a table featuring a delicious snack or beverage to entice you, an activity to engage you, and information about what they do. We 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.

Wet Weather Gear Needed for Neighbors

Our neighbors who are homeless are getting soaked to the bone this Spring and they are asking for wet weather gear. We are collecting raincoats, rain ponchos, umbrellas and rubber boots. If you have any to spare or are willing to purchase new ones we will be collecting these items in the back of the church for the next two Sundays. Some will go to the Public Library where many unhoused people shelter during the day and some will go with me and other members who minister with our neighbors on the street.

Food, Film and Fun

We are so excited that our next Family Film night will be on May 23rd at 5:30pm. We'll be watching Disney's Encanto and dining on pizza.

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) or Josh (jbachsing@gmail.com) know if you would like to make a musical offering this summer! - Blessings, Colin Graebert, Choir Director

Parish Picnic on the Lawn with Our Neighbors

On May 31st we will enjoy our parish picnic on our lovely lawn after the 10:00 am service. Many thanks to the Men's Breakfast group for volunteering for grill duty! And thank you in advance to everyone who will bring a dish for potluck sharing! As someone said, the Kingdom of God is like a potluck. Even with little planning there is always enough food! Beverages will be provided. If someone could bring a corn hole set up that would be fun for the kids.

Kristin Weeks

The Family of Kristin Weeks invites you to join them when Kristin is interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery on June 2nd at 11:00am.

Faith, Fly-Fishing & Fellowship

On June 5th at 6:00 pm the Rector will show the movie *A River Runs Through It* in the Undercroft. We will serve a simple meal and follow the screening with conversation about this deeply theological movie. The Rector loves movies, fly fishing and theology. All are welcome whether you fish for fish or fish for people. Thank you to the Men's Breakfast group for sponsoring! This is a *Reeling with the Rector* event.

Planting Day

St. John's invites you to our "Planting Day" on June 7th, following the 10:00am service. Wear your gardening clothes, bring a trowel or other gardening tool, and a native plant to help beautify the grounds.

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group invites you to the May 19th meeting at 2:00pm on Zoom when they'll be discussing "Paris in Ruins: Love, War, and the Birth of Impressionism" by Sebastian Smee. "The Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic's gripping account of the "Terrible Year" in Paris and its monumental impact on the rise of Impressionism.

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 an alternative name tag. The new ones have magnets and cannot be used by people with a pacemaker.

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).

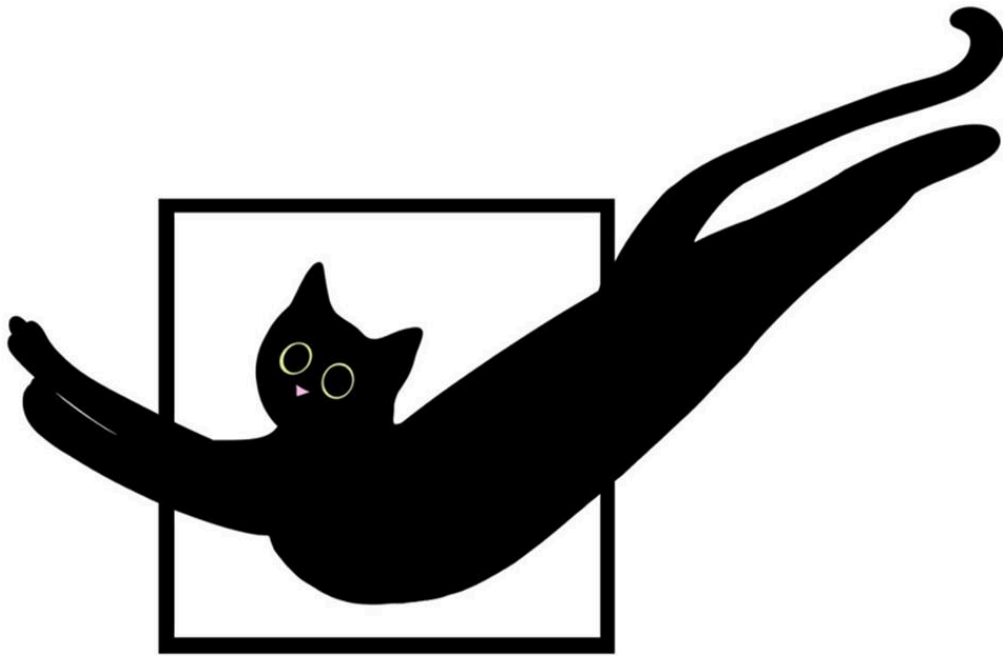
What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, May 17th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, May 17th, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by the Ministry Opportunity Fair in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, May 17th, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Tuesday, May 19th, 2:00pm:** Women's Book Group on Zoom.
- **Wednesday, May 20th, 5:30pm:** Great Wednesday 5:30pm service, 6:00pm Bible Study and food. Bible Study is also available on Zoom.
- **Thursday, May 21st, 5:30pm:** Choir rehearsal
- **Saturday, May 23rd, 5:30pm:** Family Film Night
- **Sunday, May 24th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
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For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY.

Have you checked the CAT
Box?



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STJOHNECBANGORME>



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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