St. John's Episcopal Church

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

May 31, 2026
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Liturgy Note: During the summer season we will be using worship materials from Enriching Our Worship (EOW) which is a supplemental liturgical resource approved by the Episcopal Church. EOW is a source for expansive language liturgies which bring previously neglected images of God into our worship as well as language that is less likely to gender God. You will notice that the Rector prefers expansive language except in the case of references to the Trinity where modified language detaches God's revelation from history.

Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)
Le Jardin Suspendu - Jehan Alain

Opening Acclamation (**B**ook of **C**ommon **P**rayer p. 355)

One Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
All: **And Blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Processional Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #370 - *I bind unto myself today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)*

I bind unto myself today
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in the Jordan river;
his death on cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spicéd tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom:
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power
of the great love of cherubim;
the sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour;
the service of the seraphim;
confessors' faith, apostles' word,
the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls;
all good deeds done unto the Lord,
and purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea,
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken, to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Collect

One: The Lord be with you
Many: **And also with you**
One: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Spoken together at 8:00am
Sung by the choir at 10:00am

1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #405 - *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky,

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

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

God the Father, Creator of the Universe,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful:
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Father, from whom all things come,
Son, through whom all things are reconciled,
Holy Spirit, by whom all justice is sustained:
Have mercy upon us.

Holy, undivided Trinity,
Relationship and harmony,
Co-eternal Mystery:
Have mercy upon us.

From all sin and evil, and covetousness:
Holy Trinity, one God, deliver us.
From pride, sloth and inordinate affections
Holy Trinity, one God, deliver us.
From envy and malice, anger and impatience:
Holy Trinity, one God, deliver us.

That we may love you with all our heart, mind and strength:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.
That we may go from grace to virtue:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.
That you would provide and care for those in need:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.
That you would tend all our sick (the people may offer their petitions), and restore them in your mercy:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.
That you would guide our children in the way that they should go:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.
That you would fortify, challenge and empower this parish and all her people:
Blessed One, hear our prayer.

Father the Creator,
Son the Redeemer,
Holy Spirit, Comforter and Advocate:
Graciously hear us, O Holy Trinity.

Confession of Sin (Enriching Our Worship)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

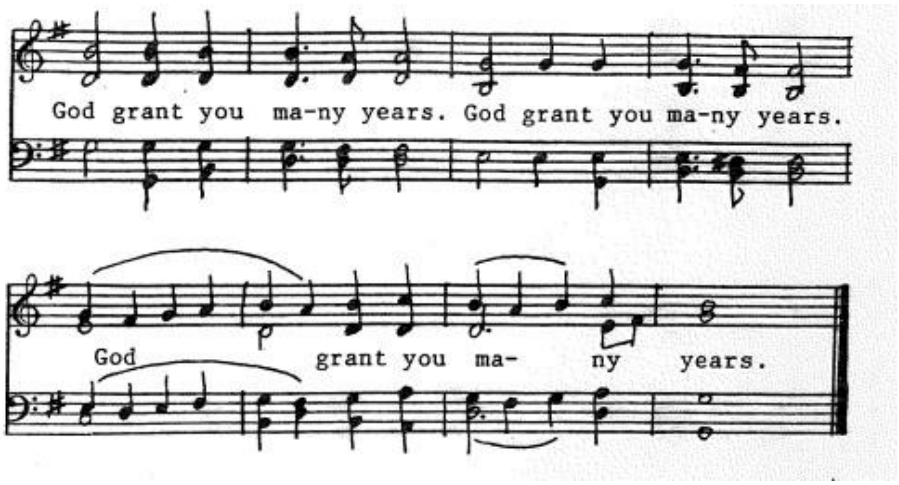
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (BCP p. 360)

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

All: **And also with you.**

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings



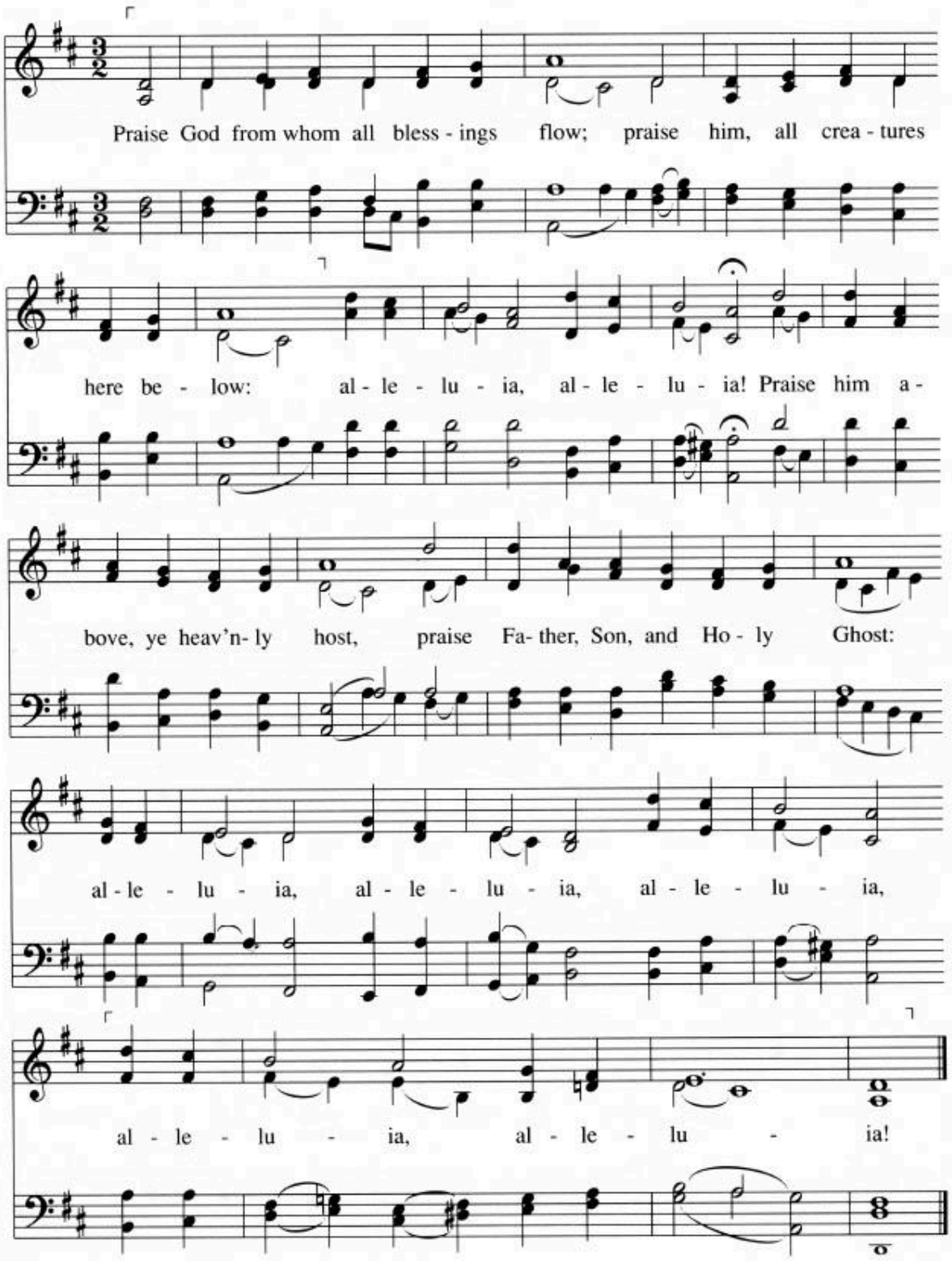
The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (10:00am service)

God the Holy Trinity

music by David Halls

Doxology with Alleluias



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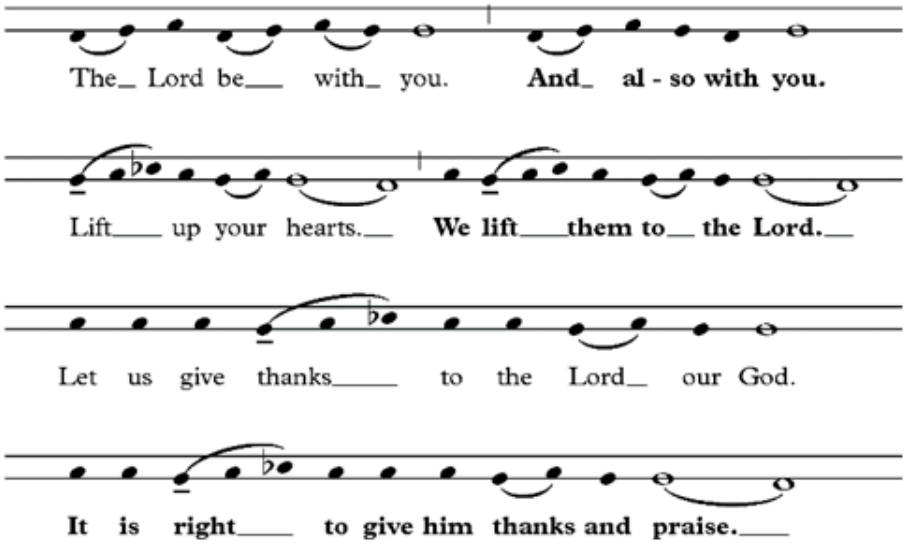
The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda (Enriching our Worship)(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 God thanks and praise.**

Sursum Corda (sung at 10:00am)



It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

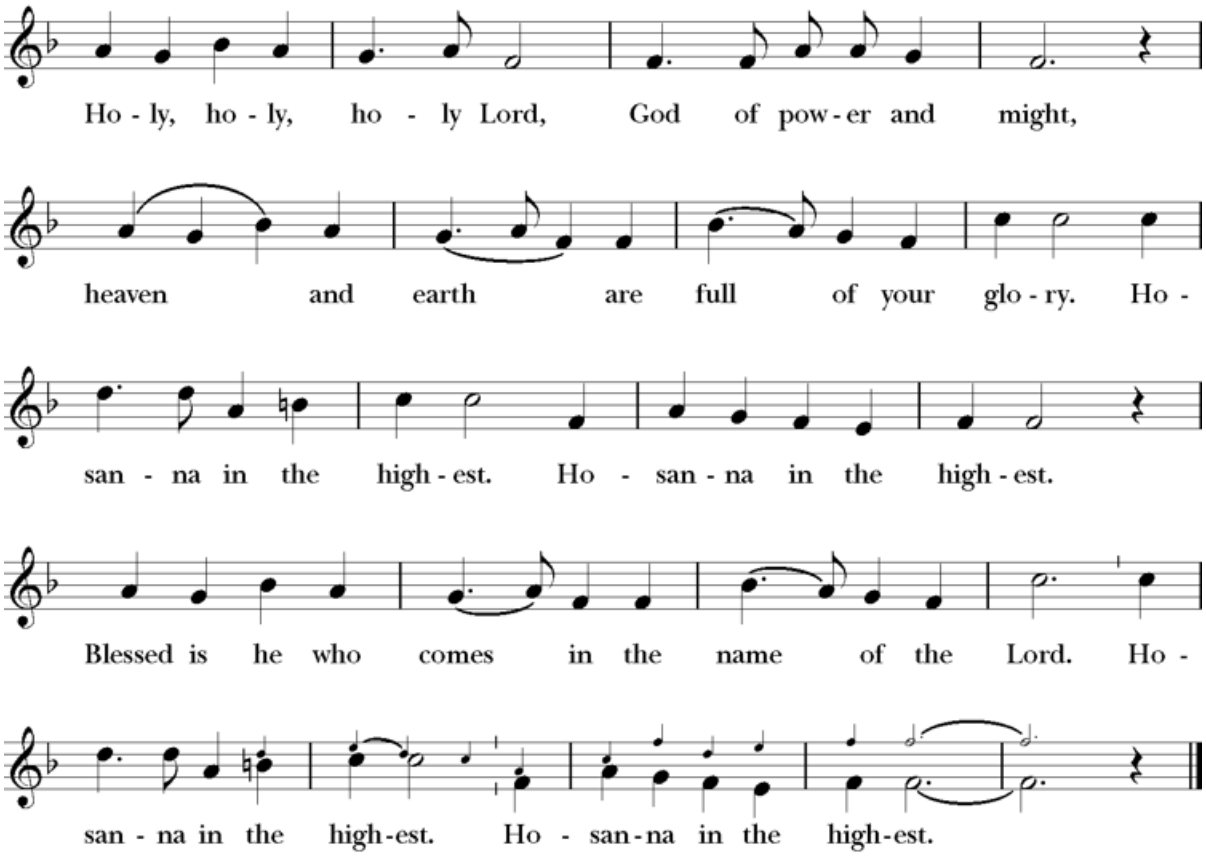
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

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)



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

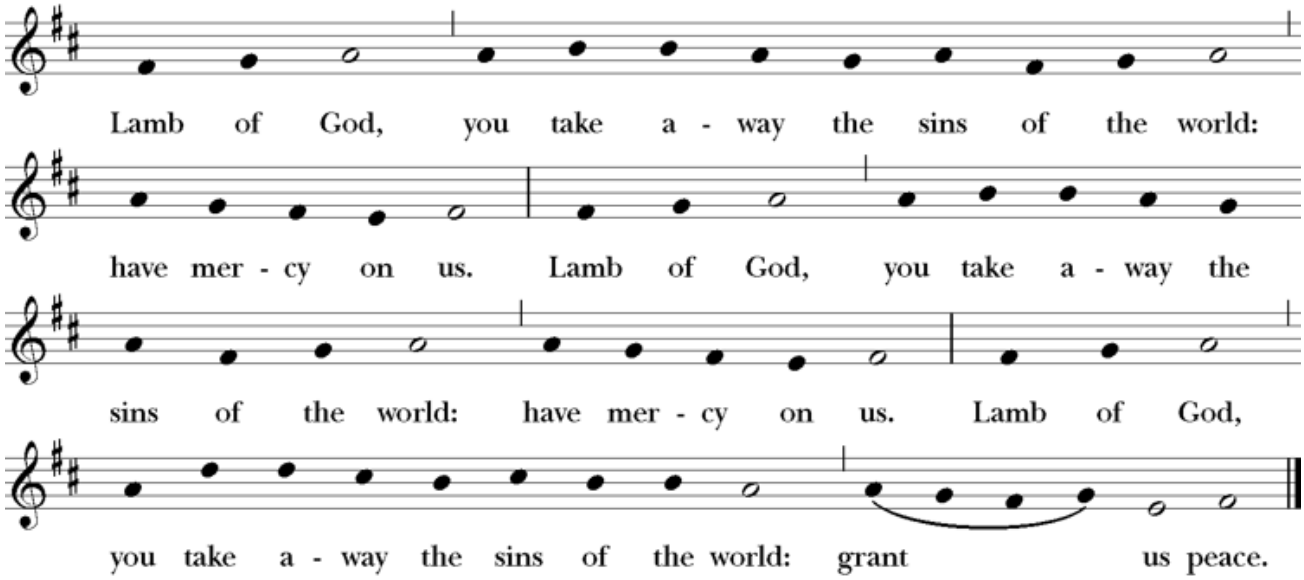
The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 363)

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)



Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #428 - *O all ye works of God, now come*

O all ye works of God, now come
to thank him and adore;
O angels, sing and bless the Lord
and praise him evermore.

O sun and moon and stars of heaven,
your endless praise outpour;
O changing seasons, bless the Lord
and praise him evermore.

O heat and cold, O night and day,
O storms and thunder's roar,
O fields and forests, bless the Lord
and praise him evermore.

O earth and sea, O all that live
in water or on shore,
O men and women, bless the Lord
and praise him evermore.

O let his people bless the Lord
like righteous souls of yore;
let those of holy, humble heart
come praise him evermore.

So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

Blue Hymnal #29 - *O Trinity of Blessed Light* (10:00am service)

O Trinity of blesséd light,
O Unity of princely might,
the fiery sun now goes his way;
shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

To thee our morning song of praise,
to thee our evening prayer we raise;
O grant us with thy saints on high
to praise thee through eternity.

To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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)

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.

Hymn at Retiring Procession (10:00am service)

Blue Hymnal #295 - *Sing Praise to our Creator*

Sing praise to our Creator,
O you of Adam's race—
God's children by adoption,
baptized into his grace.

To Jesus Christ give glory,
God's co-eternal Son;
as members of his Body
we live in him as one.

And praise the Holy Spirit
poured forth upon the earth;
who sanctifies and guides us,
made strong in our rebirth.

Dismissal

One: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
One: Turn and greet your neighbors, especially someone you have not met yet.

Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

Fanfare for the Common Man - Aaron Copland

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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: Ronald R., The Robbins family, all first responders, Will and Neal, Carl H., and Earlene B.
Continued prayers for – Doreen W., Mikenzy, Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Lyla C., Dustin, Kelly M., D., M., L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., Hunt and Allison, Haley, Mary W., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Kyra H., Donald K., Jane Z., Susan J., and Elena B.

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: Eric G., Eileen H., Claire M., Anna N. and Laura S.

For the Departed: Joshua Taylor Tibbetts and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

Serving on Sunday May 31st at 8:00am:
Lectors – TBD
Chalice Bearer – Cindy L.
Serving on Sunday May 31st at 10:00am:
Lectors – Zach W., Richard W. and William S.
Acolytes – Grant P., Isaac P. and David C.
Chalice Bearers – Grant P. and David C.
Ushers – Ken H. and John H.
Counters – Marsha C. and Don L.

Serving on Sunday June 7 at 8:00am:
Lectors – TBD
Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.
Serving on Sunday June 7th at 10:00am:
Lectors – David F., Alan B. and TBD
Acolytes – Eric G., Obi O. and Isaac P.
Chalice Bearers – Richard W. and Nancy D.
Ushers – Roger G. and Zach W.
Counters – Roger G. and Jim B.

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

This Week At St. John's

Parish Picnic on the Lawn with Our Neighbors

Today, we'll be enjoying 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 to everyone who brought 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!

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.

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. Please arrive 15-20 minutes early at the Superintendent's Office so we can process to the gravesite together.

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'll 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.

Reading with the Rector: How (Not) to be Secular by James K.A. Smith

Wednesday, June 17th and 24th at 6:30 pm in person and on Zoom

This is an excellent book about a great book. Charles Taylor wrote his massive 900 page book "A Secular Age" about 20 years ago. Smith offers a much shorter and accessible commentary on Taylor's magisterial work that speaks directly to the struggles of faith in a social imaginary dominated by exclusive humanism. Ever wonder how the world became so indifferent to the questions and answers offered by faith? This book provides a clear picture of how we arrived at this point and how faith still answers our deepest cravings for meaning and orientation in the world. I believe this book is VERY important for the mission of our church in a secular age. We must understand our context if we are to minister in it. Please RSVP at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkst6W4qaTOtBisMr1ovbWfnsmiOq0GzqM-6YhL84JgL43dw/viewform

Celebrate Pride at the Pride Parade in Bangor

In fellowship with our sister churches in Orono and Brewer, St. John's will once again be marching in the Pride Parade in Bangor and sharing an Episcopal Pride Booth as well on June 27th. All ages are invited to march in the parade and staff the booth. Once you sign up we will get back to you with information about our assembly point for the parade. Sign up here: **https://forms.gle/DwkaNJHjFyMoUMJN7.** There will be t-shirts available in sizes M, L and XL that you can purchase.

Support Our Muslim Neighbors

The Rector has been in touch with the leaders of the Local Islamic Center this week to offer support during this time of heightened fear among our Muslim neighbors following the despicable attack of a Mosque and School in San Diego. When asked about the best ways we can express support, leadership at the Masjid in Orono suggested that we write cards and letters of support and mail them to: 151 Park Street in Orono. I encourage our members to this act of neighborly love.

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 today. 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

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 31st, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, May 31st, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by the Parish Picnic. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, May 31st, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Tuesday, June 2nd, 11:00am:** Kristin Weeks' interment at Mt Hope Cemetery. Please arrive 15-20 minutes early and meet at the Superintendent's Office.
- **Friday, June 5th, 6:00pm:** Reeling with the Rector.
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For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

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

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