



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

June 14, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary (10:00am service)

Durch Adams Fall - Gottfried August Homilius

Opening Acclamation

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 #377 - *All people that on earth do dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth
tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name
always,

for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth
adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

The Collect

One: The Lord be with you

Many: **And also with you**

One: Let us pray

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

Spoken together at 8:00am

Sung at 10:00am



- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. **Refrain**
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **Refrain**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

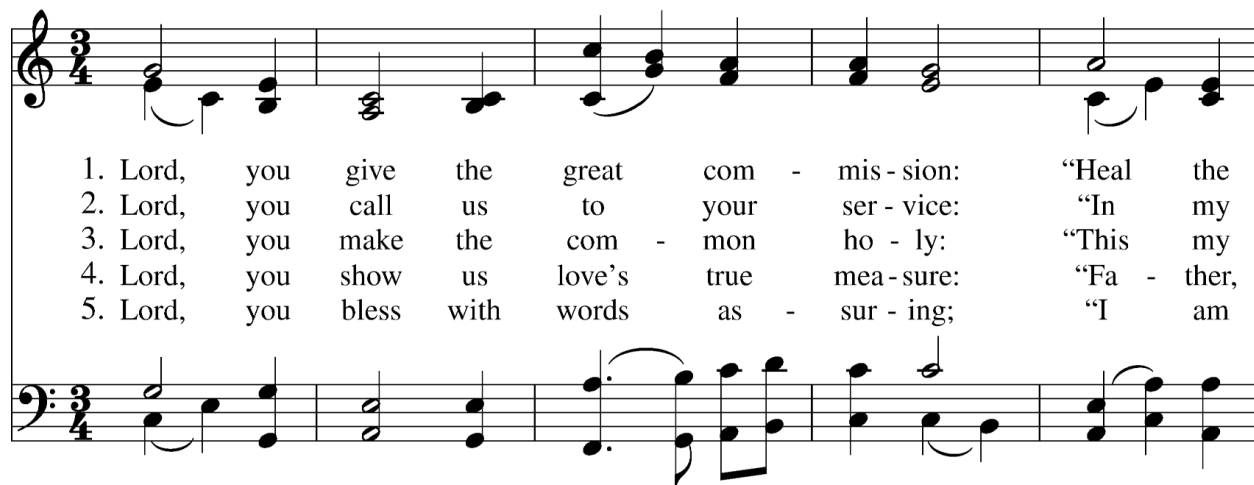
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

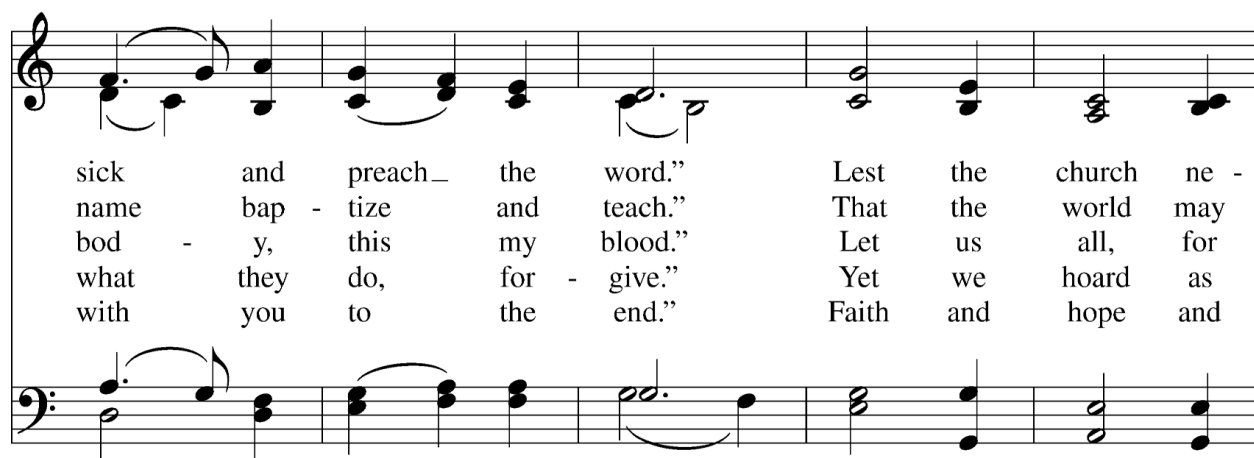
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10:00am service)

Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal #780 - *Lord, you give the great commission V. 1, 3, & 5*
(turn page for hymn)



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



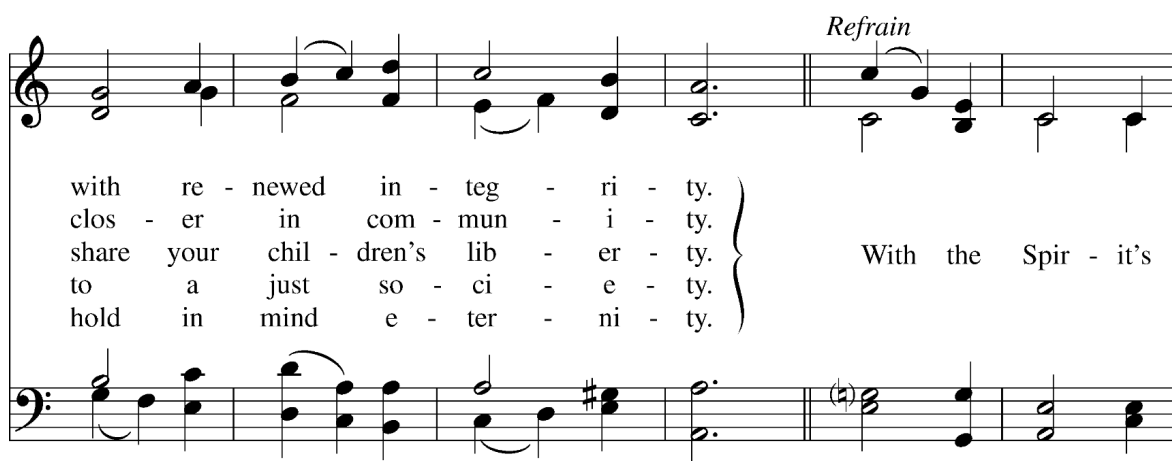
sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

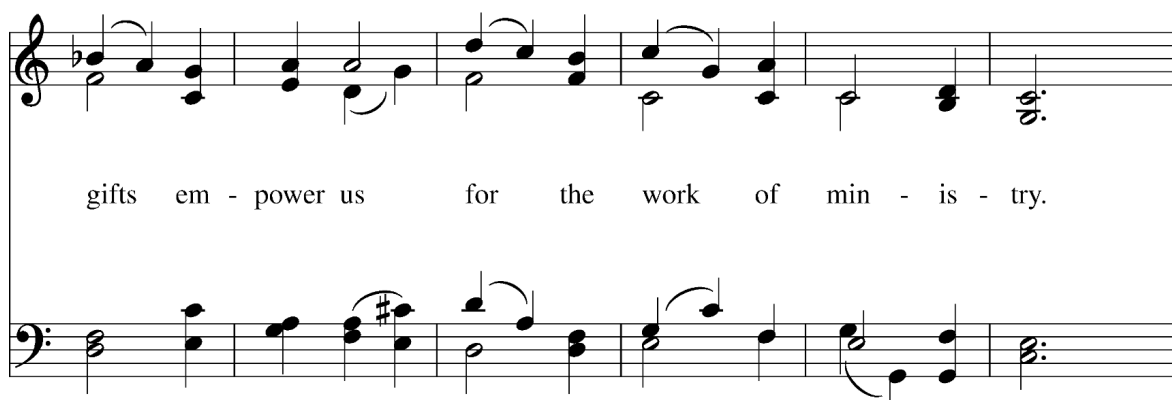


heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.)
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.)
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.) With the Spir - it's
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.)
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.)

Refrain



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

As Abraham and Sarah were visited by the oaks of Mamre, assist us in offering hospitality to the stranger, and make us open to your presence arriving in unexpected ways:

I love the Lord who listens to the voice of my supplication.

We offer thanks for the grace in which we stand, and we strive for the character which will enable us to endure suffering and rise to hope, abiding in the love of God through the promised Holy Spirit:

God has inclined to me whenever I called.

Make us fit laborers for the harvest that we might bear Good News to the harassed and helpless and to all who are as sheep without a shepherd:

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all people.

Strengthen our leaders that they may care well for the flock placed into their care:

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

We intercede for those who have charge of government in this land: For the President of the United States, our Congress and Supreme Court; for the Governor of this State, and for all who exercise temporal authority, that their concern might always be first for the needy and vulnerable, establishing a charitable polity:

How will I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?

Tend the sick, Lord Christ, and those of troubled soul, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered : Joan, Allison, Ronald, The Robbins family, Ann, Esther, Marcia & Richard, Russell, Will, Neal, Carl, Earlene, Donald, Jane, Susan, Elena, Doreen, Mikenzy, Jay, Susan, Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Lyla, Kelly, D., M., L., Katie, Ross, MarLynne, and Kent. And for those who have died. Sheila Muniz, Kyra Hansen, Lewis Phillips, Sarah Braik and Thurston "Hunt" Smith. Hold fast our dead, and grant consolation to those who mourn, for you are kind and remember your people:

O Lord, I am your servant; you have freed me from my bonds.

Fix our hearts on the Son of Man and on all his words and deeds, that the Spirit might speak through us in our day, to the praise of your Name:

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

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

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)

Improvisation on a Hymn
music by Colin Graebert

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 (Enriching our Worship)(spoken at 8:00am and 10 am)

- 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.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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)

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.

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.

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)

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 #314 - *Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen*

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
 who thy glory hidest 'neath these
 shadows mean;
 lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart
 is bowed,
 tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within
 the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern
 thee fail;
 faith, that comes by hearing, pierces
 through the veil.
 I believe whate'er the Son of God hath
 told;
 what the Truth hath spoken, that for
 truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own
 death;
 living Bread that givest all thy creatures
 breath,
 grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
 to my taste thy sweetness never-failing
 give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word
 foretold:
 face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
 in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

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

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

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

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

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

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 #372 - Praise to the living God

Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old;
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.

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)

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major - Henry Purcell

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

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 people in the Middle East and Sudan. 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.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Alex C. and Nancy N.

For the Departed: Sheila Muniz, Kyra Hansen, Lewis Phillips, Sarah Braik, Thurston "Hunt" Smith and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Duane August Miller in honor of his 81st birthday.

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.

Serving on Sunday June 14 at 8:00am:

Lectors – TBD

Chalice Bearer – Cindy L.

Serving on Sunday June 14th at 10:00am:

Lectors – Michele V., Eilon Z and Chris M.

Acolytes – Grant P., Obi O. Isaac P.

Chalice Bearers – David C. and Robert F.

Ushers – Andy H. and Patty H.

Counters – Paul J. and Don L.

Serving on Sunday June 21st at 8:00am:

Lectors – TBD

Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.

Serving on Sunday June 21st at 10:00am:

Lectors – Jacqueline C., Katharine F. and Zach W.

Acolytes – Dakota M., Gavin F. And Robert F.

Chalice Bearers – David C. and Robert F.

Ushers – Katharine F. and Sheila S.

Counters – Ken H. 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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This Week At St. John's

Parish Office

The Parish Office will have limited hours this week while Vanessa is on vacation. Please call ahead if you are planning to come in to verify that Fr. Kerbel is available when you arrive. The Office will be closed on Friday the 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

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 aim to have completed the first four chapters prior to the June 17th meeting. Please RSVP to the Rector.

St. John's Young Adult Group

On **July 18th at 4pm**, the **Young Adult Group** will be gathering at Jarrett and Alison's house in Hancock. We will enjoy a variety of (optional) outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, swimming, etc.) and conversation, followed by a communal dinner. Additional upcoming events include **Bass Park After Dark** (June 20th, 4:00pm) and the **Summer Sidewalk Art Festival** (July 11th, 10:00am) in downtown Bangor. Generally, anyone between the ages of ~25-35 is welcome to participate. For questions and to RSVP, please email William Somes at WilliamLauringSomes@gmail.com.

A Summer-Long Retreat: AN INVITATION TO LOVE, a retreat in real life on the Great Commandment

Jesus' Great Commandment to each Christian was and is to "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*" (Matthew 27:37-40)

Doesn't it seem increasingly true that the first part of this passage is relatively easy in comparison to the second? Do you think – or hope - we're given a pass on either part just because – in our opinion - so many of our neighbors are thinking and acting so very WRONG? Hmmmm...

Please consider joining a group of your fellow parishioners as together we attempt to find a bit of spiritual renewal and strength over the summer. We will be following a set of readings and meditations in *An Invitation to Love* by William Barry, SJ who was one of the most experienced and best-loved spiritual directors of our time.

"*An Invitation to Love* provides a practical and adaptable sequence of prayer sessions on the great commandment of the Christian faith: to love God and love our neighbor. All other aspects of a healthy and hopeful life grow from our practices of love. When we experience God's love for us, we can respond with a growing love for God. Loving God will transform us into people who can love

our neighbors, too, whoever they are. The voice that speaks in these pages so personally and warmly is that of William A. Barry, SJ, who for decades has gently accompanied people in their prayer. His understanding of Scripture, expertise in nurturing spiritual growth, and joyful confidence in God's desire for our friendship prepares a welcoming and walkable path to conversation with God and renewal in our hearts." - Amazon.com

An organizational meeting will be held, on Zoom, Thursday, June 25, 6:30 – 7:00, in which we will agree on a schedule of readings and meetings.

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.

Evening Prayer

My name is Nancy. Six months before COVID hit I became a member of St. John's. I attended Sunday worship on a regular basis, attended faith formation, and volunteered when I was able. I was interested in Evening Prayer, but I don't drive. So during the pandemic and person to person worship was called off, I was thrilled to see the opportunity to participate in Evening Prayer on Zoom. We refer to this as a digital blessing. Yes, our lives can be busy in this present day world, but I take 20 minutes to reflect, pray, and support my faith community. This discipline has broadened my faith and allowed me to form a bond with those who participate. It has been over 6 years that I have been doing this. May I extend an invitation to you to join us and explore what evening prayer has to offer. You will find the Zoom link for Evening Prayer every week in This Week at St. John's. I look forward to seeing you at Evening Prayer. Peace to all. - Nancy Matulis

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group invites you to their next meeting, on June 16th at 2:00pm, to discuss "The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go From Here" by Hope Jahren. The group meets on Zoom and all are welcome. Please contact the office with any questions.

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).

****Due to staff vacation, the bulletin for the 21st has already been printed****

What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, June 14th, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, June 14th, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn. ***Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service, see below.***
- **Sunday, June 14th, 11:30am:** St. Andrew's Guild Meeting
- **Sunday, June 14th, 11:15am:** Pride Month Craft Project in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, June 14th, 11:15am:** Acolyte Training at the Altar.
- **Sunday, June 14th, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Tuesday, June 16th, 2:00pm:** Women's Book Group on Zoom
- **Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30pm:** Reading with the Rector
- **Friday, June 19th:** The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- **Sunday, June 21st:** Happy Father's Day!!!
- **Sunday, June 21st, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.
- **Sunday, June 21st, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on YouTube, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.
- **Sunday, June 21st, 11:30am:** Vestry Meeting
- **Sunday, June 21st, 2:00 pm:** Divisi Concert "Spectrum: The Human Journey"
- **Sunday, June 21st, 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.

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel will be on Hiatus starting on June 21st and returning on September 13th

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:00am

*******Starting July 5th*******

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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