



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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

## June 21, 2026 The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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

*Aria - Paul Manz*

### 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 #537 - *Christ for the world we sing*

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost  
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song;  
the new-born souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

## The Collect

*One:* The Lord be with you

*Many:* **And also with you**

*One:* Let us pray

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 69:8-20 *Salvum me fac*

*Spoken together at 8:00am, Sung at 10:00am*



- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children. **Refrain**
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach. **Refrain**
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me. **Refrain**
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- 15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help. **Refrain**
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **Refrain**
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me. **Refrain**

## Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by

baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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

Blue Hymnal #671 -*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long  
as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand  
years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Volker

### 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 you were faithful to Hagar and her son when they were abandoned to the wilderness,  
 so watch over all who are mistreated, oppressed, marginalized and made poor in hope:  
**Be merciful, for you are my God; I call upon you all day long.**

We have been baptized into Christ that we might be raised with him to newness of life.  
 So help us to count ourselves dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus:  
**Gladden the soul of your servant; to you I lift up my soul.**

As our Lord made himself servant of all, so assist us in offering ourselves to those in  
 need, in defense of our fragile earth, and in all ways where we are called to stand for the  
 cause of Christ:  
**Great is your love toward all who call upon you.**

As we come to the conclusion of a school year, be with all those pursuing educational  
 goals and grant them a sense of good work accomplished and tasks achieved:  
**Give ear to my prayer, and attend the voice of my supplication.**

Grant us inspiration to lose our life for Christ's sake, that we might find that which is true  
 and enduring:  
**Turn to me, have mercy upon me; give me strength.**

You watch over the sparrows of the field, so tend our sick whom we now name before you: Joan, Allison, Ronald, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Kent, 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., and L. . And for those who have died. Sarah Clark, Sheila Muniz, Kyra Hansen, Lewis Phillips and Sarah Braik. Comfort, heal and restore; for you have taught us that we are of more value than many sparrows:

**In the time of trouble I will call upon you; you will answer me.**

As we enter this summer season, we ask grace for all our ventures:

**Grant us rest and refreshment, and stir in us gladness of heart and simple joys.**

### 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 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.

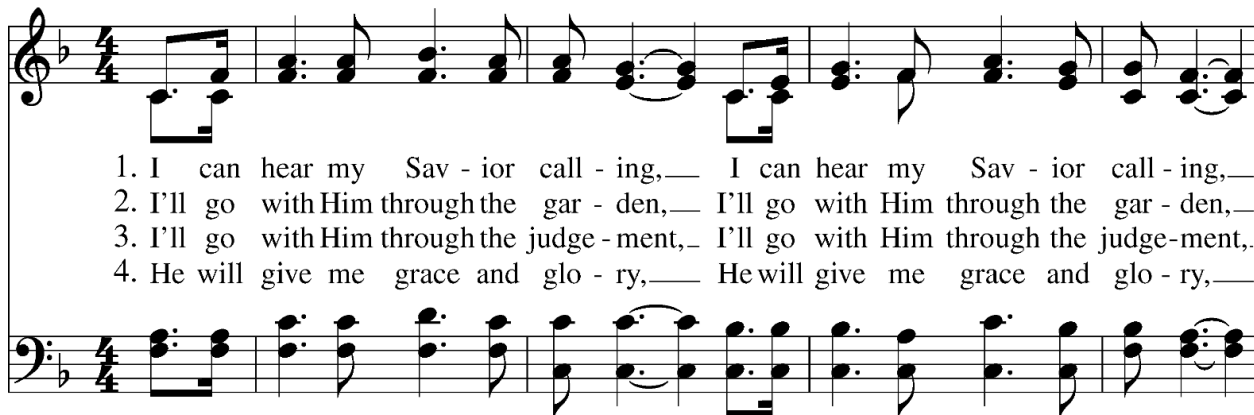
## Blue Hymnal # S 161 - *Lamb of God* (10:00am service)

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.

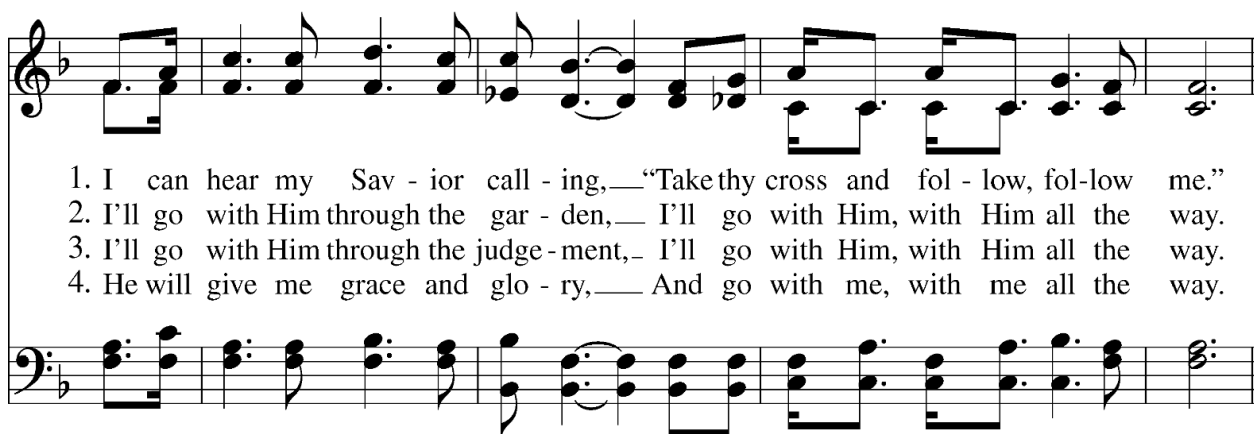
## Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #144 - *Where He Leads Me*


1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,— I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,—  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den,— I'll go with Him through the gar - den,—  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment,— I'll go with Him through the judge - ment,—  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry,— He will give me grace and glo - ry,—



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,—“Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me.”  
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den,— I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment,— I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry,— And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low,—Where He leads me I will fol - low,—



Where He leads me I will fol - low,— I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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

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

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

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,

branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

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

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

**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 #178 - Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior

## 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)

*Fantasy in c minor, BWV 537 - J.S. Bach*

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## Parish Prayer list

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or [prayers@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbangor.org).*

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer:** Joan P. and Allison S. **Continued prayers for** – Ronald R., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., 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., and L.

**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:** Nancy D., Andy H. and Cuddy S.

**For the Departed:** Sarah Clark, Sheila Muniz, Kyra Hansen, Lewis Phillips, Sarah Braik and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Doreen and Richard Waite.**

*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 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.

**Serving on Sunday June 28th at 8:00am:**

**Lectors** – TBD

**Chalice Bearer** – Cindy L

**Serving on Sunday June 28th at 10:00am:**

**Lectors** – Ben O., Richard W. and Chris M.

**Acolytes** – Dakota M., Gavin F. and Robert F.

**Chalice Bearers** – Patricia S. and Jacquie W.

**Ushers** – Ken H. and John H.

**Counters** – Marsha C. 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.

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## This Week At St. John's

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

Wednesday 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 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](mailto: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? Hmmm...

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.

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### **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.

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### **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

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### **Women's Book Group**

The Women's Book Group invites you to their next meeting, on July 21st at 2:00pm, to discuss "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. The group meets on Zoom and all are welcome. Please contact the office with any questions.

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### **Announcements and Prayer Requests**

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

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## What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, 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.
- **Tuesday, June 23rd, 9:30am:** Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, serving at the Salvation Army. Contact [claudia&jim@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:claudia&jim@stjohnsbangor.org) for more information.
- **Wednesday, June 24th, 6:30pm:** Reading with the Rector
- **Saturday, June 27th, 10:00am:** Bangor Pride Parade & Festival
- **Sunday, June 28th, 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](http://www.stjohnsbangor.org).

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**\*\*\*Nursery Care and Children's Chapel is on Hiatus starting today, 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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