



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Sunday July 26, 2026

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Piano Voluntary

Fantasia on "Wondrous Love"

Gathering Hymn

Blue Hymnal #615 - *Thy kingdom come on bended knee*

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,

proclaim the day is near:

the day to whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with
peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Opening Sentence (Book of Common Prayer p. 75)

All stand

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin (BCP p.79)

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Versicle (BCP p. 80)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

Invitatory (BCP p. 80)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 119:129-136



- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;
Therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple. **Refrain**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name. **Refrain**
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
Let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,
And I will keep your commandments. **Refrain.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
Because people do not keep your law. **Refrain.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give

your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader. The Word of the Lord

All. Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

The Third Song of Isaiah: Canticle 11 (BCP)

(spoken)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
 and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
 For behold, darkness covers the land; *
 deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
 But over you the Lord will rise, *
 and his glory will appear upon you.
 Nations will stream to your light, *
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
 Your gates will always be open; *
 by day or night they will never be shut.
 They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
 ruin or destruction within your borders.
 You will call your walls, Salvation, *
 and all your portals, Praise.
 The sun will no more be your light by day; *
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
 The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
 and your God will be your glory.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle

Glory to God: Canticle 20 - *Gloria in excelsis* (*spoken*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn

Blue Hymnal #645 - *The King of Love, my Shepherd is*

The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his,
 and he is mine for ever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth,
 and where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me,
 and on his shoulder gently laid,
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless

I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Homily

Dr. Jacqueline Camm, D.O.

The Apostles' Creed (BCP p.96)

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages (BCP p.97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

The Collect for the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We ask, O God, for understanding in striving to do what is right, and for wise and discerning minds, that we may rise to the challenges and disputes of our day with grace and substance:

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I will obey with all my heart.

We know that we do not pray as we ought; and also that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. So search our hearts, O God, and intercede for us according to your will:

Your Word gives light and understanding to the simple.

Because all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to the divine purpose, so help us to trust in you, and to love you with all our heart, mind and strength, that by our conduct you may be glorified:

I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

Sow within us the mustard seed of your kingdom and grant good growth. Leaven our parish with the yeast of your Spirit, that all might be useful in common labor:

Turn to me in mercy, as you do for those who love you.

Make us to be like the one who finds the field of treasure, and like the merchant who sold all to buy the pearl of great price, that we might give ourselves entirely to you and press on to know the gift of Christ Jesus:

Steady my footsteps in your word.

Strengthen the work of our Church, remembering especially Kim, L & R, Jane, Kurt, Sean, Judy, The Kosciusko Family, Mikenzy, Laurel, Roy, Robin, Brian, Cindy, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Kent, Ann, Esther, Marcia, Richard, Russell, Perry, Donna, Leith, Earlene, Donald, Jane, Joan, Susan, Elena, Jay, Susan, Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., and L. And for those who have died, Bruce O'Donnell and for our service members killed in the current conflict. That we might cast our nets wide and draw full nets from the sea:

Let your countenance shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Seal us in wisdom, O Lord, that we may be in training for the kingdom of heaven, bringing out of our treasure what is new and what is old in service to the ministry of reconciliation; for we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Seal us in wisdom, O Lord, and grant us insight.

Offertory

Be Not Afraid - text from Isaiah 43:2-3 and Luke 6:20, music by Robert J Dufford
sung by Robin Sprague

General Thanksgiving (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up ourselves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p.102)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make
 our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your
 well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you
 will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as
 may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in
 the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Concluding Versicle (BCP p. 102)

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence (BCP p. 102)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
 Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #616 - *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains

shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

Piano Voluntary

Hymn to Joy - Ludwig van Beethoven

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: Kim M., L. & R., Jane M., Kurt K., Sean C., Judy A., The Kosciusko Family, Mikenzy, Laurel, and Roy G. **Continued prayers for** – Robin S., Brian M., Cindy K., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Perry D., Donna W., Leith W., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Joan P., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., 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: Katharine F., Roger G., Mikenzy M. and Jeff P.

For the Departed: Bruce O'Donnell and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

Serving on Sunday July 26th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Ben O., Richard W. and Zach W.

Ushers – Jeff P. and Ben O.

Counters – Roger G. and Ken H.

Serving on Sunday August 2nd at 9:00am:

Lectors – Jacquie W., Nancy D. and Kelsi H.

Acolytes – Dakota M., David C. and Robert F.

Chalice Bearers - Jacquie W. and Robert F.

Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Counters – Paul J. and Mary W.

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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Word Search for Jesus Healed a Man Who Could Not Walk

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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

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