



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

Sunday August 9, 2026

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Harpsichord Voluntary

*Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten (Whoever loves me will keep my word), BWV 59,
Movement 1 - J.S. Bach*

Soloists - Alex Engelkemier, Eric Boberg

Violin - William Some * Harpsichord - Joshua Singer

Translation:

Whoever loves me will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come
to him and make our dwelling with him.

Gathering Hymn

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

Refrain

*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.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Opening Sentence (Book of Common Prayers 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 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*



- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our land. **Refrain**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **Refrain**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **Refrain**

The Lessons

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Alt: **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 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 #339 - *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
 leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 come into the daylight's splendor,
 there with joy thy praises render
 unto him whose grace unbounded
 hath this wondrous banquet
 founded—
 high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
 yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
 Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
 Joy, the best that any knoweth;
 Fount, whence all my being floweth:
 at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
 let me be a fit partaker

of this blessed food from heaven,
 for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
 let me gladly here obey thee;
 never to my hurt invited,
 be thy love with love requited;
 from this banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 through the gifts thou here dost give
 me,
 as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning

he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Robin Sprague

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

The Lord spoke to Elijah, not in wind, earthquake and fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. So still our hearts, O God; that we might know your voice and follow in faith: **God is speaking peace to those who turn their hearts.**

Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved, for you are Lord of all, and generous to all who call upon you: **God's salvation is very near.**

Number us among those who carry your Gospel; that we might proclaim Christ so as to be heard and believed; for beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News: **Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

We pray for the leaders of these United States: for our President, our Congress and Supreme Court; for our Governor, for the Mayors of our several communities and for all who exercise authority of government; that when our polity is battered by waves, and the wind runs contrary, they may look up and find hope: **Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven.**

We pray for all the people of God exercising leadership in the Church, that they might have faith to come to you on troubled waters, and when they doubt and falter, gracious God, stretch forth your steady hand to save:

The Lord will grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Be with those in our parish in any need or trouble, remembering especially our sick: Mannone, Patrick, Kim, R & L, Jane, Kurt, Sean, Judy, Susan, Elena, Jay, Susan, Mikenzy, Laurel, Roy, Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Robin, Brian, Cindy, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Kent, Ann, Esther, Marcia, Richard, Russell, Perry, Donna, Leith, Earlene, Donald, and Jane. And for those who have died, Billy Dymond, Norma J. George and for our service members killed in the current conflict. Put every Christian in mind of the joy and obligation to proclaim our faith, for the Word is near to us, on our lips and in our hearts:

Righteousness shall go before our God; peace shall make a just pathway.

Offertory

Shalom - text from John 14:27, music by Dan Forrest

Soloists - Alex Engelkemier, Eric Boberg

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 #423 - *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the
tree,
then wither and perish; but nought
changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Organ Voluntary

The New Commonwealth - R. Vaughan Williams

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: Mannone, Patrick, Kim M., R & L, Jane M., and Kurt K. **Continued prayers for** – Sean C., Judy A., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Mikenzy, Laurel, Roy G., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., 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., and Jane Z.

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: Delores L., Evelyn S., Ralph W. and Jessica W.

For the Departed: (Wm.) Billy Dymond, Norma J. George and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

Serving on Sunday August 9th at 9:00am:**Lectors** – Ben O., Michele V. and Nancy D.**Ushers** – Andy H. and Patty H.**Counters** – Hilary G. and Jim B.**Serving on Sunday August 16th at 9:00am:****Lectors** – Zach W., Kelsi H. and Chris M.**Acolytes** – David C., Dakota M., Pat S. and Evelyn S.**Chalice Bearers** – Cassy P. and David C.**Ushers** – Zach W. and Ben O.**Counters** – Don L. and Roger 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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Coded Words for Jesus Fed the People

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
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Jesus fed the people

6 9 19 8

and

2 18 5 1 4

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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