



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

August 16th, 2026

9:00am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (medley)- Colin Graebert

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

Blue Hymnal #450 - *All that hail the power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

The Collect

One: The Lord be with you

Many: **And also with you**

One: Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

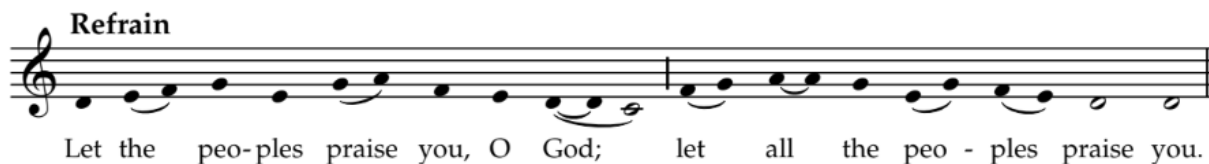
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*



May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us. **Refrain**
 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations. **Refrain**
 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth. **Refrain**
 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing. **Refrain**
 May God give us his blessing, *
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

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!

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.

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.

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.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Homily

Nancy Dymond

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

Gather the outcast as you have promised, O God, and bind together all who maintain justice and do what is right, for your house shall be called a house of prayer for all people, and we will be called the family of God:
May God be merciful to us and bless us.

St. Paul, descendant of Abraham, member of the tribe of Benjamin, taught that all are imprisoned in disobedience so that you might show mercy to all. Make us to be merciful in your likeness:

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Guard our tongues from all gossip and slander, from idle speech and that which defiles, and place on our lips words of kindness and good intent; for our speech reflects our heart's focus:

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

As Christ sought the lost sheep, so be with those of our parish in distress, and especially those who are sick, and those for whom our prayers are now offered for Mannone, Patrick, Kim, R & L., Jane, Kurt, Earlene, Donald, Jane, 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, and Russell, that they might be found by you and lifted up:

May God, our own God, bless us deeply.

As Isaiah foretold a gathering together of aliens and strangers to stand at your Altar, so teach us to deal kindly with the stranger in our midst

May all the ends of the earth stand in awe of the Lord.

As our Lord found great faith in the Canaanite woman and repented his sharp speech, so make us open to those from differing cultures and backgrounds, that we might be bearers of healing and goodness:

You judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations of the earth.

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)

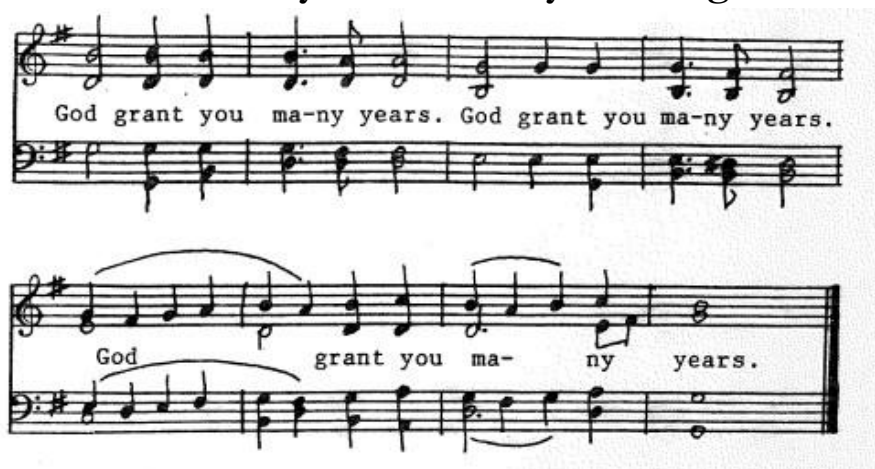
Celebrant:

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 image shows a musical score for two systems. The first system consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'God grant you ma-ny years. God grant you ma-ny years.' are written below the first staff. The second system also consists of two staves, with the same key signature. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'God grant you ma-ny years.' are written below the second staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Ave Maria - Franz Schubert

Soloist - Jacqueline Camm

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.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda (Enriching our Worship)

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

Blue Hymnal # S125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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*

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)

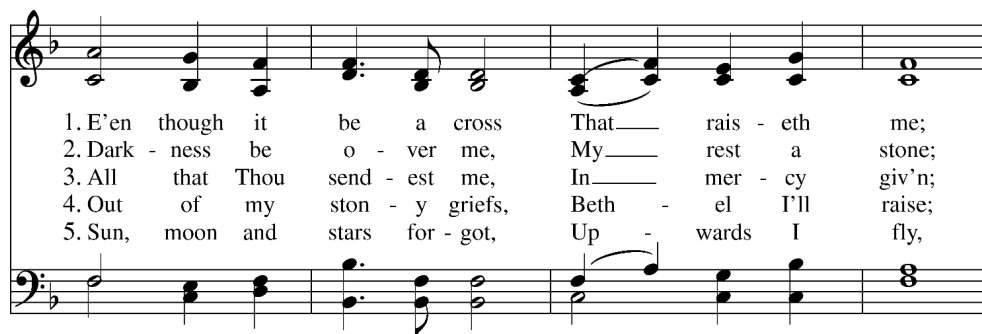
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Communion Hymns

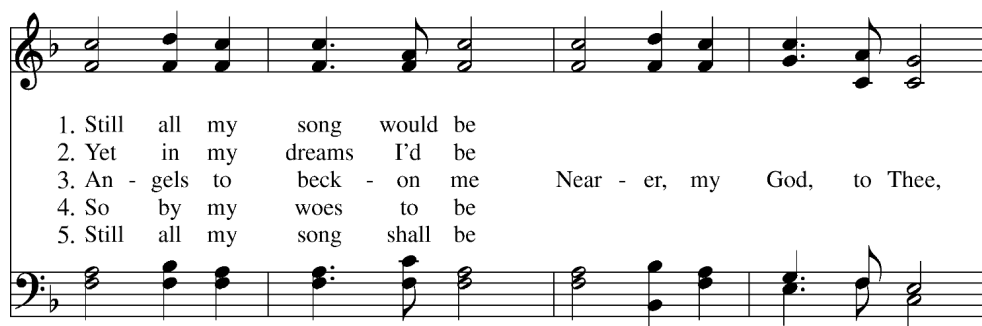
Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #54 - *Nearer, My God, to Thee*



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,



1. E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;
 4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,



1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be



Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

Blue Hymnal #427 - *When morning gild the skies*

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word

the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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 and restored you in holiness, 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

Blue Hymnal #494 - Crown Him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,

who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many
crowns,
for he is King of all.

Dismissal

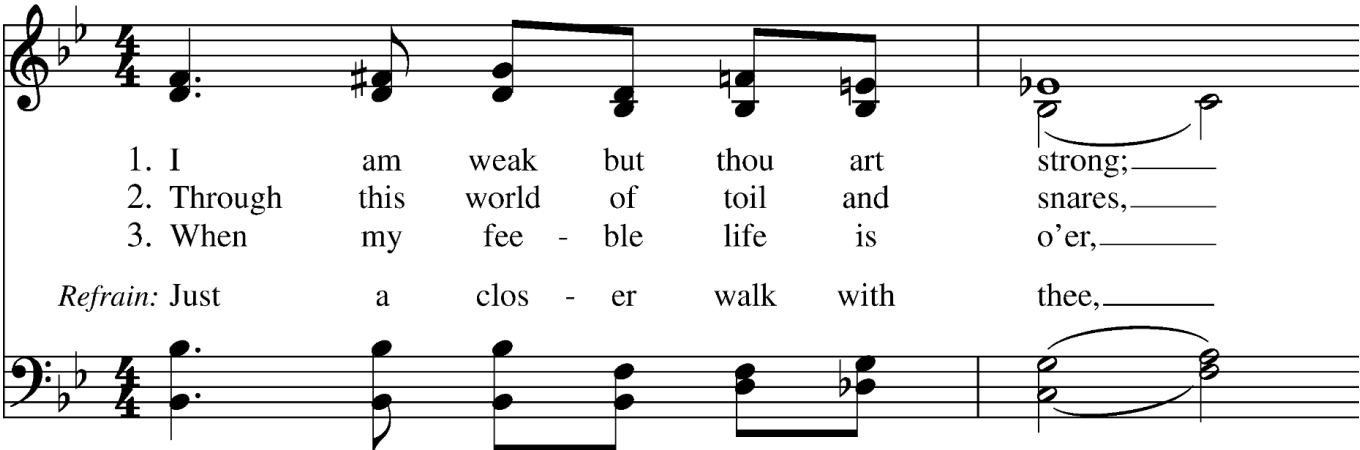
One: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Turn and greet your neighbors, especially someone you have not met yet.

Organ Voluntary

Just a Closer Walk With Thee - Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #72



1. I am weak but thou art strong;____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,____



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more;____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



D.C. for Refrain

1. long____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares?____ None but thee, dear____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er____ To Thy king - dom____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee,____ Let it be, dear____ Lord, let it be.

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., and R & L. **Continued prayers for** – Jane M., Kurt K., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., 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, and Russell M.

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 H. and Julian P.

For the Departed: For our service members killed in the current conflict.

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 August 16th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Zach W., Kelsi H. and Chris M.

Acolytes – David C., Dakota M. and Pat S.

Chalice Bearers – Cassy P. and David C.

Ushers – Sach W. and Ben O.

Counters – Don L. and Roger G.

Serving on Sunday August 23rd at 9:00am:

Lectors – Zach W., Ann H. and Kelsi H.

Acolytes - Grant P., Isaac P., Cindy L. and Evelyn S.

Chalice Bearers - Cindy L. and Grant P.

Ushers – Katharine F. and Mary W.

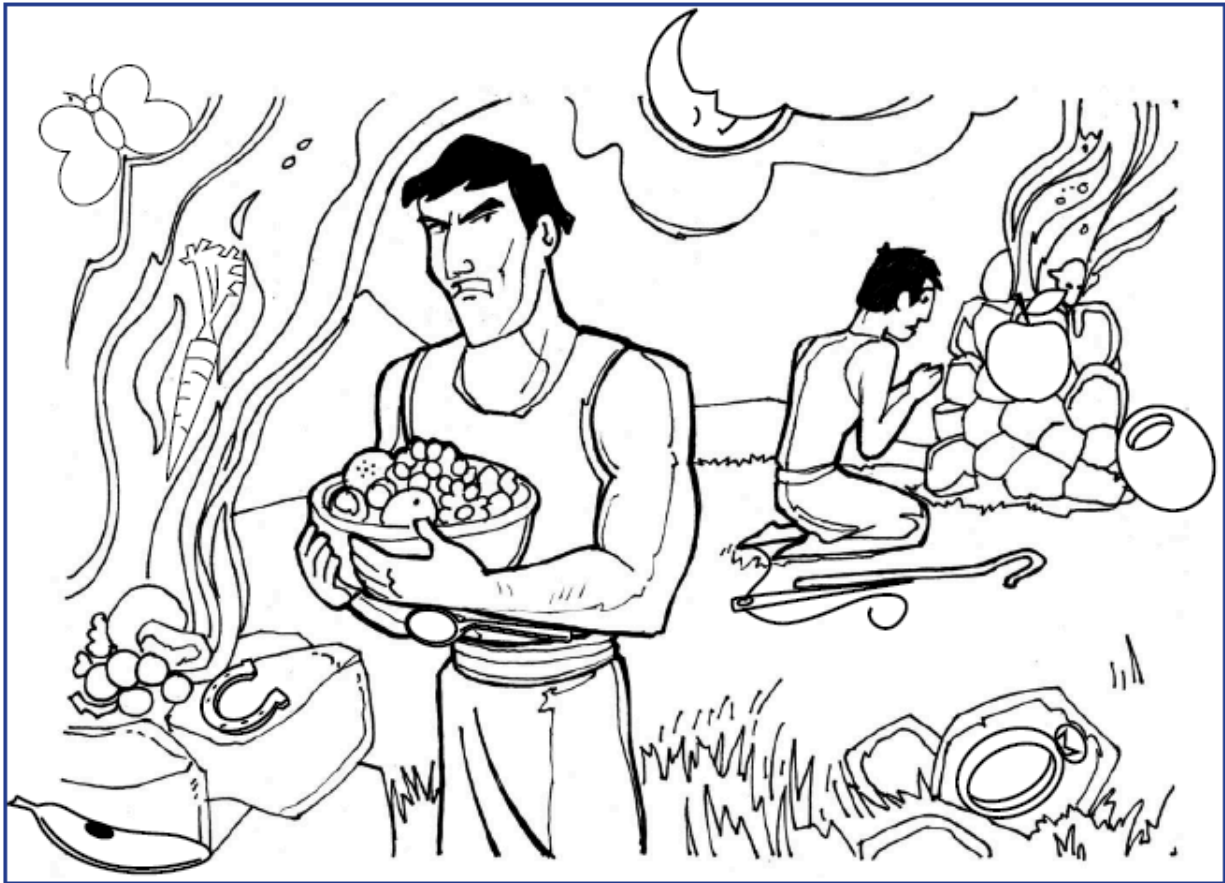
Counters – Paul J. and Ken H.

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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Cain and Abel Hidden Pictures

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: apple, banana, butterfly, carrot, horseshoe, moon, needle & thread, olive, ring, spoon.



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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