



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

September 6th 2026

9:00am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Join Us for Sunday Worship at 10:00am
Starting September 13th*

Organ Voluntary

II. Andante tranquilo from Sonata III (Op. 65 no. 3) - Felix Mendelssohn

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 #518 - *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,

and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

The Collect

One: The Lord be with you
Many: **And also with you**
One: Let us pray

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but

that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways;
for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #674 - *Forgive our sins as we forgive*

'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us,
how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our
souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled to God and man,
our lives will spread your peace

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

O God, as you made Ezekiel a sentinel for the house of Israel, make us alert for the sharing of your Word, that ready in deed and speech we may prove faithful to all you ask of us:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

You have taught us that love is the fulfilling of law and commandment; so help us love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and to put on the armor of light, living honorably as in the day:

Give me understanding and I will keep your law with all my heart.

When we transgress against one another as we are wont to do, prompt us to seek forgiveness from you and from one another, that your grace may be loosed on earth:

Make me to go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

We intercede for our sick, especially those for whom our prayers are now offered, for Kent, Ann, Mannone, Susan, Elena, Jay, Susan, Mikenzy, Patrick, R & L., Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Robin, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Esther, Russell, Jane, Kurt, Earlene, Donald, and Jane, asking for them patience, healing and wholeness from your hand:

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Be with our children and young people as they engage the new school year, giving them a thirst for knowledge, hearts that seek for truth, and diligence, with perseverance, for all their goals begun and ended in you:

Turn my eyes from that which is worthless and give me life in your ways.

We pray for all laborers and for those whose toil is physically demanding, that they might have just recompense for their work, and that they might know and see the ways in which they serve the common good:

Fulfill your promise to your servant, and all those who fear you.

You have promised to be with us whenever two or three have gathered in your Name; so visit this parish church that you may be known to dwell here, and that those who worship here may be known to love one another, and to love our neighbors as ourselves:

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness, preserve my life.

We pray for all who are seeking a relationship with God and a church community to support their faith. Lord God, bring them to our community so we may know and share the love of God with them and be blessed by the gifts they bring.

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

The people may offer their prayers.

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 and Healing Prayer



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Nearer, My God to Thee

Text by Sarah F. Adams

Music by Lowell Mason, Arr. by Georgiann Toole



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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)

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:

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,

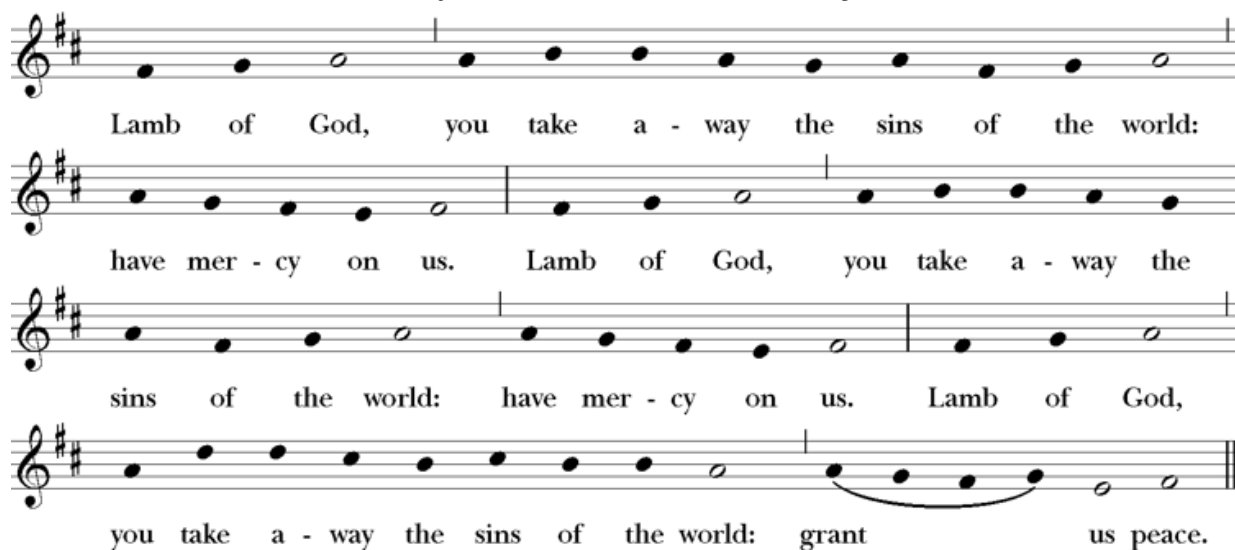
forever and ever. Amen.

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*



Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #318 - *Here, O my Lord*

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

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

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

Mine is the sin, but thine the
 righteousness;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing
 Blood.

Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
 thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my
 God.

Blue Hymnal #427 - *When morning gilds 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 #347 - Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Go forth for God; go to the world in
peace;
be of good courage, armed with
heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in
love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the
weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we
seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in
strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the
right;

render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his
light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in
joy,
to serve God's people every day and
hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift
employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

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

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor (BWV 559) attr. to Johann Sebastian Bach

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 September 6th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Brandon, M. and Katherine F.
Acolytes - Eric G., Obi O. and Ruth G.
Chalice Bearers - Nancy D. and Richard W.
Ushers – Jeff P and Zach W.
Counters – Roger G. and Jim B.

Serving on Sunday September 13th at 10:00am:

Lectors – Ben O., Richard W. and Katharine F.
Acolytes - David C., Robert F. and Gavin F.
Chalice Bearers - Robert F. and David C.
Ushers – Katharine F. and Mary W.
Counters – Mary W. 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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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: Kent C. and Ann C. **Continued prayers for** – Mannone, Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Mikenzy, Patrick, R & L., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Robin S., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Esther R., Russell M., Jane M., Kurt K., 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: Dakota M. and Colin G.

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

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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