



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

September 27, 2026

10:00am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary

Larghetto - Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal 450 - *All 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!

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!

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

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!

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

Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer page 355)

One: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Blue Hymnal S280 - *Glory to God* (Sung at 10:00am)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Psalm 25:1-8 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Sung by the choir

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #554 - *'Tis the gift to be simple*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just
right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: **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.

The Prayers of the People

God of deepening knowledge and unfolding truth, correct all falsehood and every misunderstanding of your Word and commandment, that we might emerge more and more into a place of right standing and wisdom:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Turn us from every wickedness, and lead us to true repentance, that you might give birth to a new heart and a new spirit in us:

Show me your ways and teach me your paths.

Grant us one mind in Christ, that we might share the one Spirit and offer one another the consolation of love, compassion and sympathy; renouncing conceit and selfish ambition, and giving preference to humility:

Lead me in your truth, for in you have I trusted.

As Christ emptied himself of all prerogatives, help us to look not merely to our own interests, but to the interests and needs of others. We pray in thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Gary Smith. We pray for the sick, injured, or distressed, and for those who have requested prayer including Robin, Mary, Shirley, Bruce, Veronica, Buddy, Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Lilly, Layla, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Russell, Kent, Ann, Earlene, Donald, Jane, Mannone, Susan J., Elena, Jay, Susan S., and Mikenzy. And for those who have died including Esther Rauch, Pete McCarty and for our service members killed in the current conflict. That the mind of Christ might be also in us, and we in him:

Remember, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

As Jesus preferred the company of outcasts, and contested with those secure in their own righteousness, help us to discipline ourselves when we grow complacent and self-satisfied and certain of our judgments and opinions:

All the pathways of the Lord are love and faithfulness.

Work in this parish church, O God, forming character and making us to be people who know the meaning of discipleship, and the manifestation of its fruits in our dealings with all people:

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

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 (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept for examination of conscience.

**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.**

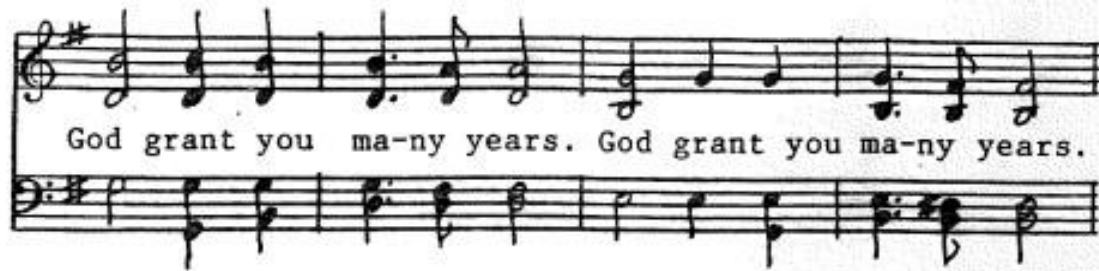
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The 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 Prayers



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Behold Now, Bless the Lord - text from Psalm 134, music by David Ashley White



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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.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

The_ Lord be__ with_ you. And_ al - so with you.

Lift__ up your hearts.__ We lift__ them to__ the Lord.__

Let us give thanks__ to the Lord__ our God.

It is right__ to give him thanks and praise.__

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. 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.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal #S161 - *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)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #439 - *What wondrous love is this*

What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to lay aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to lay aside his crown
 for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb,
 I will sing.
 To God and to the Lamb

who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme
 I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free
 I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

Blue Hymnal #685 - *Rock of ages, cleft for me*

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in thee;
 let the water and the blood
 from thy wounded side that flowed,
 be of sin the double cure,
 cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Should my tears for ever flow,
 should my zeal no languor know,
 all for sin could not atone:
 thou must save, and thou alone;

in my hand no price I bring,
 simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
 when mine eyelids close in death,
 when I rise to worlds unknown
 and behold thee on thy throne,
 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in thee.

Blue Hymnal #318 - *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (BCP p. 365)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #686 - *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal (BCP p. 366)

One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in F major (BWV 556) attr. to Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving on Sunday September 27th:**10:00am Acolytes** - David C., Robert F. and Dakota M.**8:00am Chalice Bearer:** Robert F.**10:00am Chalice Bearers** - Cassy P. and Nancy D.**Counters** – Marsha C. and Paul J.**10:00am Lectors** – Ben O., Hilary G. and Chris M.**10:00am Ushers** – Andy H. and Patty H.**Serving on Sunday October 4th:****10:00am Acolytes** - Grant P., Isaac P. and Obi O.**8:00am Chalice Bearer:** Cindy L.**10:00am Chalice Bearers** - Grant P. and Jacquie W.**Counters** – TBD**10:00am Lectors** – David F., TBD and TBD**10:00am Ushers** – TBD and TBD

Thank you to all who volunteer as **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Counters, Lectors, 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.

In thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Gary Smith.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Robin S., Mary, Shirley G., Bruce N., Veronica Y. and Buddy B. **Continued prayers for** – Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Lilly J., Layla L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Russell M., Kent C., Ann C., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Mannone, Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., and Mikenzy.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., 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: Spencer S., 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: Jaxon S., Eviana C., Aidan K. and Tobenna M.

For the Departed: Esther Rauch, Pete McCarty and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

St. John's Episcopal Church

225 French St., Bangor

Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis Day Saturday October 3rd

Drop in between 1:00pm-3:00pm



All furry, feathered, scaly and gilled friends are
welcome to receive a blessing.

All critters must be secured with leashes or in
carriers.



All are welcome

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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