

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 319 Years of Worship



The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel – Rector

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Live-Streamed Morning Prayer

**2021 Mission of Saint John's
To be a welcoming community committed to
seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.**

Our vision is to grow with intent. We will maintain intimacy by gathering in groups; reach all generations through fellowship; advance our mission through a vital program of outreach; nurture spiritual growth through worship, music, education and pastoral care; encourage commitment to effective ministry; and support the church through stewardship.

Saint John's is a Heart-friendly Church

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.*

The Celebrant alone says

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.*

A lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

The Invitatory and Psalter

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: 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.*

Celebrant: Together we will recite the Jubilate as an invitation to worship.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

BCP, p. 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Appointed Psalm for today is Psalm 133
Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

ALL: 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.*

First Reading

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Celebrant: Our response to this Lesson will be for us to recite:

The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

BCP, pg 86

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

The Second Lesson

The Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Song of the Lamb *Dignus es*
Revelations 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

BCP, p. 93

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *

and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

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

The Gospel

All standing

John 20: 19-31

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

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

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

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

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expected for introduction by Advent, 2007, and used by permission.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Message

Ms. Margie Hatcher

The Sermon

The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

The Apostle's Creed *(In Unison)*

BCP, p. 96

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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

BCP, p. 97

All: 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE EASTERTIDE 2021

The Prayers of the People

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection.

We praise you for your Church, for all who serve you in ministry, and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and the plants and animals that show forth your glory. Show us how to care for your creation, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

We praise you for the times of peace and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for migrants, for the people who are unhoused, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

We praise you for the gift of medical care and the scientists who create vaccines. And we pray for those who suffer from any illness, for those still contracting the coronavirus, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith, for Christ is risen:

People: **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

The Service continues with

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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.*

Closing Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Hymn 193

Dismissal

BCP, p. 102

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Easter Memorials and Tributes

In Loving Memory of:

- ❖ Our parents, Annabell and Thomas Lord, and, Thora and John Carlin, and beloved sister, Joan Lord Tamburro by Diane and John Carlin
- ❖ Matthew Keenan, Ruth and Royal Wenke and Helen and Don Keenan by John and Martha Keenan
- ❖ All our loved ones who are no longer with us by Carol and Bill Angus
- ❖ The Rev. William R. McKean and Brian Gelsomini by Nancy McKean

- ❖ Dixon, Gallas, Pachkowski and Peeling families by Mary Alice Peeling and John Pachkowski
- ❖ My parents, Agnes and Charles Fischer by Jean Broemel
- ❖ The Pittock, Stephens and Hitchcock families by J.P. Pittock
- ❖ Margaret M. Kahler by Mr. and Mrs. John Kahler
- ❖ Betty and Don Fuller, and, May and Ted Stipa by Barbara and Ted Stipa

Pascal Candle dedication

Given in loving memory of David Darley by Betty Lou Darley and Family

In Thanksgiving for:

- ❖ My twin grandsons, Jack and Charlie Morley, by Diane and John Carlin
- ❖ Our children, grandchildren and great grandchild by John and Martha Keenan
- ❖ Deborah, Austin and Michael, Rev. David, Big James, Jane, Rich, Jack, Adrienne, James and Ava Grace by Bill Angus and Carol Angus
- ❖ Full recovery of my grandson, Tyler, and for all my three grandchildren by J.P. Pittock
- ❖ Beth Stone by Dianna and Tom Stone
- ❖ Carol Angus' birthday by Bill and Carol Angus

Easter Flowers and Tributes

All Easter Flowers and Easter Music tributes are gratefully acknowledged and will continue to be published in upcoming church bulletins. Should you have any questions regarding the Easter Flowers or special Easter Music tributes, please contact Carol Angus via phone (610-399-0515) or by email (carol.angus@verizon.net).

Spring Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 24th 9 am -1 pm *Lunch provided.*

Spring has sprung and it's time to show our church property some tender love and care! We want this to be an **intergenerational project**, so everyone, old and young and in between, will be warmly welcomed! Bring your gloves and rakes as we will be weeding, mulching, raking and otherwise tidying up our property.

Outreach

We continue to collect the following items for St Mary's Food Cupboard: Laundry detergent, dish detergent and household cleaning products, especially disinfectant cleaners (ex: Lysol, Mr. Clean, Pine-Sol, Clorox, etc.) and toilet paper and paper towels. Items can be dropped off on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1 pm for the

time being. There is a table with boxes just inside the Parish Hall for donations. If you have any questions, please email Mary Alice Peeling at mapeeling@outlook.com

Onsite Parish Office Hours are limited until further notice

The office is staffed Monday-Friday from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. You may also call and leave a message on the Church Office phone at (610) 459-2994. We regularly check our messages and respond promptly to all calls. You may also send us an email at: office@saintjohnsconcord.com

Make a Donation from our Webpage

You can make a donation online from the Home page of the church's website. *Thank you* for your thoughtful generosity during these difficult times.

Mite Box Reminder

All contributions benefit St. Mary's Food Cupboard and our Guatemala Outreach. You may bring your mite box to a live Sunday service when they resume, or, you can also drop it off to the Parish Office when you are able during our staffed office hours.

Upcoming BSA Troop's Annual Pancake Breakfast on April 24th

Boy Scout Troop 260 will be holding their 55th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 24th from 7 am – 12 noon at Elam United Methodist Church located at 1073 Smithbridge Road here in Glen Mills. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local food banks including our own St. Mary's Food Cupboard. The cost is only \$8/per order for a delicious Pancakes and Sausage breakfast. *Note – it's curbside pick-up only.* For any inquiries, contact Scoutmaster Jim Davis via email (jzdavis@verizon.net).

Directions for Viewing Live-Streamed Worship Services

Please visit the Home Page of the Church's Website www.saintjohnsconcord.com for directions on how and when to view the live-streamed Worship Services. Worship Booklets and Music can also be found on the Home Page.

Zoom Sunday Fellowship Hour

Fill your coffee cup and join us for a virtual Coffee Hour each Sunday after our worship service ends. Fellowship at 11:15 a.m. Zoom link:
<https://zoom.us/j/9550492211?pwd=VjgvaK9YdWlKUlJBQTAwQnFJSzZlQT09>

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from the Parish Weekly Prayer List. If you would like a name or names to remain on the Prayer List for another month, please be sure to contact the office, by email at office@saintjohnsconcord.com or by phone at 610-459-2994, no later than the Thursday morning before the first Sunday of the month. You may add or remove names from the Prayer List at any time as well. Please always include first names; last names are optional. We apologize if we make a mistake and appreciate corrections.

Birthdays:

Harriet Flynn	Apr. 6	Stacey Morey	Apr. 6
Kayla Morey	Apr. 7	Jack Donnelly	Apr. 8
Carol Angus	Apr. 9	Casey McGlinchey	Apr. 10
Cheryl Piercey	Apr. 10	Sandra McKinley	Apr. 10
Eric Shyrock	Apr. 11		

Anniversaries

Janice & John Turner	Apr. 7
Karen & Jim Moore	Apr. 8

Please keep the following Folks in your Prayers

Prayer List

Alaina	Amy Borer	Ashley	Barry Parker
Ed Borer	James Ryan	Jean B.	Jennifer
Jim	Jocelyn	John	Ken
Mary Ann	Nancy	Padre Miguel &	Susan W.
The Trinkl Family	Tyler	Rosalie	

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Daniel Stock, Navy	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	Anna Harris, Navy	Tyler R. Faison, Marines

A Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country BCP, p. 823

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, that all our hearts may be turned to peace.

A Prayer for our Enemies, BCP, p. 816

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers

Class of Feb. 5, 2023

Bill Calhoun, Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

Burt Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Mary Gonzalez, Gerry Tierney, Danielle Yoch

Officers

Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden
Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary
Bill Calhoun, Vestry's Warden

Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses

Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

Church Staff

Jessica Villante – Music Director

Chris Villante – Interim Organist/Keyboardist

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Margaret Hatcher – Children's Chapel and Christian Arts

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

April McKenzie – Parish Administrator