



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fouth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 8:30 a.m.

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 322 Years of Worship

The Rev Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
Rev. Terry Dinovo – Priest Associate

Mission of Saint John's:

To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

*Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God.
St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive, and affirming community.*

Holy Eucharist Rite I

GATHERING

Opening Words

All stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Reader: A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

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1 O God, you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.
3 You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the
sake of your Name.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

**The Second Lesson
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1 John 3:16-

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

All stand in body or spirit.

John 10:11-18

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Wikel

Rev. Jill LaRoche

Nicene Creed

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Prayer Book,

The Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation

All kneel as you are able

Based upon the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music Report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

Leader: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands the responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: We pray for the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially our President and national representatives, and Josh our Governor and our local leaders, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For all those engaged in conservation; in agriculture, ranching, and forestry; in aquaculture and fishing; in mining and industry, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

***People:* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: Eternal God, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, to stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity until your kingdom comes through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sin against God's Creation

Celebrant: Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People:

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

Peace

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (*Prayer #51, BCP p. 830*)

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer II

Prayer Book,

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People:* It is meet and right so to do.**

Sanctus

Prayer Book,

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The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book,

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All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chaliceist at the organ.

We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
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Prayer Book,

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Worship has ended; our service now begins.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Greeter: Ed Gibson

Readers: Lydia Dell'Osa & John Keenan

Coffee Hour Hosts: Peggy Long & Betty Zizza

Counters: Bill Angus, Carol Angus & Miriam Stanton

Altar Guild: Tracey Payne, Maggie Gibbs, Kate Hayes, Jacqui Dunn, and Dolly Constable

Altar flowers are given in honor of Earth Day and sponsored by the Millers and Green Team.

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-----**Announcements**-----

Earth Day Events Today

April 21 - Earth Day liturgy and forum after the late service including a tour of our property and walking down to see our 300 year old Oak Tree - ALL are welcome!

Faith By The Fire: Friday, April 26 @ 7 PM

Join us for Evening Prayer and fellowship around our firepit in the field. BYO chair and snacks.

Brief Bible Study 2024: Genesis

We are studying the second half of Genesis Sundays at 9:30 AM. See our website for details.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 15

Departure at 7:30 am, Return at 8:00 pm

Cost \$79/person

Bus trip to Washington DC to see the National Museum of African American History
Please see Rev. Jill or Burt Blackburn if you are interested. Signup forms are on the Welcome Center counter.

Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game: Friday, June 21 @ 6:35 PM

Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Aberdeen Ironbirds

We need to reserve tickets in advance this year to get the group rate.

Cost: \$14/ticket Parking: free Questions: Steve Long SWLong@comcast.net

Do You Have a Graduate?

If you or your child is graduating high school or college, please let the office know. We are asking for a photo, and future plans to be emailed to office@SaintJohnsConcord.com by May 15.

Upcoming Events – please join us!

Sunday, April 21 – Earth Day celebration

Tuesday, April 23 – Election Day Youth Group Bake Sale – OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, April 25 @ 10 AM – Thursday Café @ 11:30 – Healing Eucharist

Sunday, April 28 @ 4 PM – Youth Group

Wednesday, May 1 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: Visit SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests for our Prayer Request policies. You may add or remove names at any time. Please include the first name and, if you wish, the first initial of the person's last name.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Barrie	Ed B.	Ann M.	Mildred T.	Jean C.	Jessica	Edie O.
Mary B.	Marissa	Lydia	Ethan B.	Bea B.	George S.	Susan W.
Joe F.	Paul	Dennis, Gabby & Makenzi S.		Phin M.	Amanda M.	Molly S.
The Blackburn family		Dot P.	Margaret C.	Portale Family	Greg B.	Lydia B.
Bryan C.	Sean C.	Branan C.	Kathy W.	Steve S.	J.V.	Sophia S.

For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays:	Brodie Hatcher	Rev. Terry Dinovo	Jean Broemel	Elijah Alston
Rocky Bassick	Ann McGonigal	Erik Collins	Jenny O'Neill	

Anniversaries: Ashlyn & Andrew Dorman

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy	Daniel Stock, Navy	Scott Lister, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army	Anna Harris, Navy	

Prayer for Peace (BCP p. 815)

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,
no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,
that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,
as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

<p><u>Church Staff</u></p> <p>Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel - <i>Rector</i> Rev. Terry Dinovo – <i>Priest Associate</i> Jen Troutman – <i>Parish Administrator</i> Margaret Hatcher – <i>Children’s Ministry and Christian Arts</i> Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – <i>Sextons</i> Miriam Stanton & Maureen Thompson – <i>Office Volunteers</i></p>	<p><u>Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers</u></p> <p>Danielle Yoch (<i>Warden</i>) Bill Calhoun (<i>Vestry Warden</i>) Burt Blackburn (<i>Treasurer</i>) Jacqui Dunn, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Tracey Payne, Carla Durdan, Dick Constable, Ron Hammer, Ann McGonigal & Gerry Tierney</p>
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