



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 10 a.m.

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 322 Years of Worship

The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector

The 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 II

GATHERING

Prelude

Pastorale on "Brother James' Air"

Dennis R. Johnson

Processional Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Hymnal 8

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

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Opening Acclamation *All stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Song of Praise *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **Hymnal 376**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, #376 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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*.

Sunday School

Ms. Margie Hatcher

Children process to Sunday School and will return in time to receive Communion.

WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Lector: 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."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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. | for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
| 2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters. | 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. |
| 3 You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the
sake of your Name. | 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. |
| 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I shall fear no evil; * | |

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Lector: 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song *All Stand in body or spirit* **Celtic Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is in 6/8 time and the second staff is in 9/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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 to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Song: repeat *Celtic Alleluia*

The Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

Please stand in body or spirit

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**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 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.*

The Peace

Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.

Children return from Sunday School.

Welcome & Announcements

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 Hymn

You Who Dwell

WLP 810

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1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

***People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

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.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

Thank you, Lord (*Sung twice*)

LEVAS 232

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

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 Chalice at the organ.

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

Communion Hymn

King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Hymnal 645

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his,
 and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth,
 and where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

The King of love my shepherd is, #645 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Optional Communion Hymn

Let us Break Bread Together

Hymnal 325

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us break bread together on our knees, #325 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Post Communion Prayer

All Stand in body or spirit

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SENDING

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400 vs. 1-4

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,

pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,

Refrain

- 3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain

- 4 Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:

Refrain

All creatures of our God and King, #400 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Dismissal

Worship has ended; our service to God and to our neighbors begins.

Postlude

Simple Gifts--I Danced in the Morning

J. Wayne Kerr

Please Note: Often, healing prayers are offered in the choir pews after the service.
Prayer requests are kept confidential.

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

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev Jill LaRoche Wikel *Guest Organist:* Carol Angus

Choir Facilitator: Carol Angus

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Martha Pearlman *Lector:* Kate Hayes

Unvested Lay Chaliceist: Betsy Billigmeier

Acolytes: Bethany Hock & Tessa Dunn

Ushers: Ann McGonigal & Dean Dannaker

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

Tech Team: Gerry Tierney, Philip Thompsen & Patti Doyle

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.	Steve S.	Kathy W.	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

-----Announcements-----

Earth Day Event: Today

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

<p><u>Church Staff</u> 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 Chapel 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> 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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