



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

BCP p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

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

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

BCP p. 727

- 1 Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With you right hand, O God, and your holy
arm *
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness you have openly
shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before God, who reigns in
majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
God,
who will come to judge the earth.
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness*
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel

All stand in body or spirit.

John 15:9-17

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

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, 326

The Prayers of the People

All kneel as you are able

Prayer Book, 328

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, 340

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, 341

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, 336

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, 339

SENDING

Blessing

Dismissal

Worship has ended; our service now begins.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Greeter: Ed Gibson

Readers: Diane Carlin & John Kennan

Counters: Lydia Dell'Osa, David Dell'Osa & Nancy McKean

Altar Guild: Ed Gibson & Betsy Billigmeier

Altar Flowers are Sponsored by

Dottie Collman in memory of her mother Dorothy S. Collman

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Jill & Glenn Wikel in thanksgiving for the graduations of their daughters Sarah Wikel & Claire Wilson

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

Youth Mission Trip Envelope Fundraiser

In June, our Youth Group will rehab homes through the Appalachian Service Project. So far, we have raised half of the money we need for our trip. Help us reach our goal by choosing an envelope off our Mission Board in the Parish Hall. Place your donation amount matching the number you chose into the envelope and return by May 26. Thank you!

Green Team Forum TODAY!

Sunday, May 5 – Time to plant the vegetables outdoors. We will share thoughts on how to meet with success growing some of your own food. During the Make It, Take It portion of the program you will transplant some veggies to take home and plant in a pot or in the vegetable bed.

Parish Picnic

Our Spring Parish Picnic will be held rain or shine on Sunday, May 19th after the 10:00 AM service. We will have pulled pork and macaroni-and-cheese from The Meat House Market, and our BBQ chefs extraordinaire will grill up burgers and hotdogs. Please sign up using the QR code to bring sides, desserts and/or beverages -- or donate to help cover the costs of the meats (memo line "picnic"). Let us celebrate another successful year being a community of welcome and God's love in Glen Mills!



Green Team Collection: Terracotta Pots!

In June, our Plant Forum will be on succulent plants and we need small (3-4 inch) terracotta pots. Do you have any languishing in your garage? Drop off your unwanted pots in our collection bin.

Ascension Day Worship

St. John's Episcopal will hold an Ascension Compline Service, **Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 pm.**
The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer will be used.

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: \$13/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.

Green Team Thank You

A big "thank you" to everyone who participated in and helped create our Earth Day Celebration. We began the day reading Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation, confessed our sins against God's Creation, and learned about the Green Team's goals, accomplishments and aspirations. We watched and learned as Bernie and Debbie Miller finalized the planting of a young *Stuartia* tree on the front lawn, complete with a prayer for nature by Rev. Jill, and provided the herb seeds and seedlings we planted for our own homes. We toured the property with Rev Jill and viewed our magnificent 300-year-old Penn Oak tree. And we admired the interesting and creative centerpiece honoring the day, courtesy of the Millers, that adorned our coffee-hour table. Please join our team, recycle with us, and stay tuned for future Green Team events.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5 @ 11:15 AM - Green Team Forum - Veggies
 Wednesday, May 8 @ 3:30 PM – Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 Thursday, May 9 @ 10 & 11:30 AM – Café and Healing Eucharist
 Thursday, May 9 @ 6 PM – Ascension Compline Worship
 Thursday, May 9 @ 7 PM – Vestry Meeting
 Saturday, May 11 @ 8:30 AM – Men’s Breakfast

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	Phin M.	Amanda M.	Molly S.	Margaret C.	Kathy W.
Sophia S.	Steven G.	Grace R.	Annie K.	Sgt. Jennifer		
Wood Family	Portale Family		Blackburn family			

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

Birthdays:

Bob Johnson	Rowan Carmichael	Ben Torrens	Jimmy Yoch
Debbie Rainey	Tony DiVirgilio	Janice Grider	Angela Gillespie
Daniel George	Brayden Diehl	A J Huffman	Betty Lou Darley
Sheri Hofer	Lucy Wood	Hope Diehl	

Anniversaries: Laurin & Jill Williams-Carliss, Michele & Tony Fenza, Marti & John Keenan

Prayers for those in the Military

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

<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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