



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 10 a.m.

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The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector

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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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Dennis)

Emma Lou Diemer

Processional Hymn

When Morning Guilds

Hymnal 427

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:

may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!

3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

When morning gilds the skies, #427 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

Opening Acclamation *All stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Song of Praise

Blessed Be the Name

LEVAS 78

1. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!
2. Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name of the Lord!
Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name of the Lord!
3. Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand is the Lord!
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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.*

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 10:44-48

Lector: 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

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| 1 Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things. | 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song. |
| 2 With you right hand, O God, and your holy arm *
you have won for yourself the victory. | 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before God, who reigns in
majesty. |
| 3 You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness you have openly shown in
the sight of the nations. | 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein. |
| 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. | 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,
who will come to judge the earth. |
| 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. | 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness*
and the peoples with equity. |

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of John.

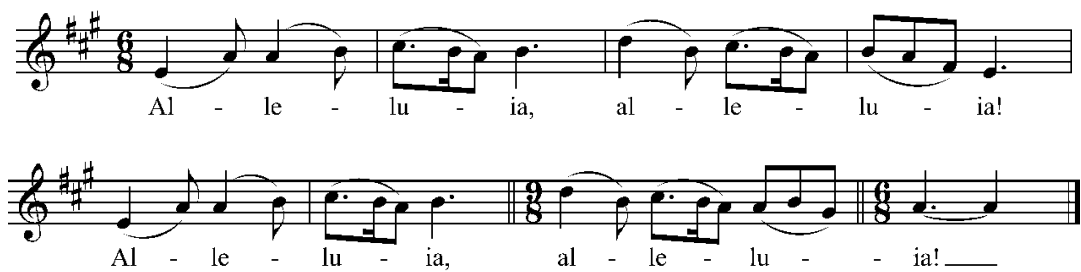
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not 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.

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**



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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 to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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.

Prayers of the People for Easter Season

Reader: Let us rejoice and be glad in this season of Christ's resurrection.

Loving God, we praise you for the gift of the global church. Send the Spirit of the resurrection into every heart, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad 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.**

Reader: We praise you for the opportunity to flourish as we go about our lives. And we pray for everyone who suffers from 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.**

Reader: We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: We praise you for those who dedicate themselves to caring for others in body, mind, and soul. And we pray for those who are ill and those on our prayer list. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

***People:* Christ is risen indeed.**

Reader: 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.

Reader: 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.

People: 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

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal 602

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.*

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1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Chorus*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

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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.

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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.

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

What a Friend We Have

LEVAS 109

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?

1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

He Came Down That We May Have Love

David Lasky

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

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

Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev Jill LaRoche Wikel

Guest Organist: Hugh Kronrot

Choir Facilitator: Carol Angus

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Burt Blackburn

Lector: Jen Osgood

Unvested Lay Chaliceists: Dean Dannaker

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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	Nathan Winnick	Janice Grider	Daniel George
Brayden Diehl	A J Huffman	Felicia Clapper	Betty Lou Darley	
Sheri Hofer	Lucy Wood	Hope Diehl		

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

Prayers for those in the Military

Steven Michael Pascal, Navy
Kyle Mullen, Army

Daniel Stock, Navy
Anna Harris, Navy

Scott Lister, Navy

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5 @ 11:15 AM - Green Team Forum – Vegetable Gardening

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

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

Parish Picnic

Our Spring Parish Picnic will be held rain or shine on Sunday, May 19 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.

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