



**SAINT JOHN'S**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Rooted in God, Growing in Faith*

## ***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

**January 26, 2025 8 a.m.**

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***Founded 1702 - Celebrating 323 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**

**Welcome to Saint John's, Concord (Glen Mills)** – Welcome to all who are visiting Saint John's today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and that you are blessed by God. You are invited to fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know Saint John's.



### **Opening Acclimation**

Prayer Book, 323

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Gloria**

Prayer Book, 324

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*Reader:* A reading from the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all

who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Responsive Reading**

***Caeli enarrant***

**Psalm 19**

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| 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *<br>and the firmament shows his handiwork.   | 9 The fear of you is clean and endures<br>for ever; *<br>your judgments are true and righteous<br>altogether.  |
| 2 One day tells its tale to another, *<br>and one night imparts knowledge to another.   | 10 More to be desired are they than gold,<br>more than much fine gold, *<br>sweeter far than honey,<br>than honey in the comb.   |
| 3 Although they have no words or language, *<br>and their voices are not heard,   | 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *<br>and in keeping them there is great reward.   |
| 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *<br>and their message to the ends of the world.   | 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *<br>cleanse me from my secret faults.   |
| 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *<br>it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his<br>chamber;<br>it rejoices like a champion to run its course. | 13 Above all, keep your servant from<br>presumptuous sins;<br>let them not get dominion over me; *<br>then shall I be whole and sound,<br>and innocent of a great offense. |
| 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the<br>heavens and runs about to the end again; *<br>nothing is hidden from its burning heat.                        | 14 Let the words of my mouth and the<br>meditation of my<br>heart be acceptable in your sight, *<br>O God, my strength and my redeemer.                                    |
| 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the<br>soul; *<br>the testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the<br>innocent.  |  |
| 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *<br>the commandment is clear and gives light<br>to the eyes.   |  |

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gospel** *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

**Luke 4:14-21**

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

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

*Celebrant:* Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Jill LaRoch Wikel**

**Nicene Creed**

Prayer Book, 326

**The Prayers of the People** *(Please kneel in body or spirit)*

Prayer Book, 328

**Peace**

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

*Pew Card*

**Offertory**

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**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.*

**Prayer of Consecration**

Prayer Book, 342

**The Lord's Prayer**

Prayer Book, 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Prayer Book, 337

*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

**Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May God the Father keep you in all your days.

May God the Son shield you in all your ways. May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.

*From "Times & Seasons" Church of England*

**Dismissal**

### Service Participants

**Celebrant:** Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel  
**Greeter/Usher:** Steve Long  
**Lector:** Lydia Dell'Osa  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Peggy Long  
**Coffee Hour Host:** Sandy Johnson  
**Counters:** Miriam Stanton & Darree Clark  
**Altar Guild:** Mel & Bill Calhoun

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### Please keep the following people in your prayers

Ed B.            Ann M.            Mildred T.            Jenna L.            John A.            Teal J.            Daniel S. (Navy)  
Rylan B. (Army)    Jeff. F.            Geri P.            Anita G.            Connie L.            Birmingham Family    Parker Family  
George S.            Fran P.            Elizabeth H.            Trey K.

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

### **Birthdays:**

Michael DiVirgilio    Nathan Diehl            Philip Thompsen            Kaitlyn Osgood            Lily Flanagan            Jack Sykes  
Luca Troise-Capone    Ella Roberts            Ed Gibson            Lydia Dell'Osa            Sofia LaBraico            Davis Wood  
Joy Embree

### **Announcements**

#### **Upcoming Events – Please join us!**

Sunday, January 26 @ 12:30 PM – Literary Ladies  
Sunday, January 26 @ 4 PM – Youth Group  
Wednesday, January 29 @ 6PM – Women on the Way Dinner at Bierhaul  
Sunday, February 2 @ 9 AM – Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, February 5 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group  
Saturday, February 8 @ 8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast  
Sunday, February 9 @ 11 AM – Green Team Meeting  
Sunday, February 9 @ 4 PM – Youth Group

#### **Bible Study – Sermon on the Mount**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings at 10:45 we'll study some of Jesus's famous teachings.  
Feb 13 & 27, March 13 & 27.

#### **Sponsor 2025 Altar Flowers**

Once a month we have fresh flowers on the altar. If you'd like to sponsor flowers, please visit [SaintJohnsConcord.com/flowers](http://SaintJohnsConcord.com/flowers) for all the details.

#### **Save the Date: Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 2 at 9:00 AM**

All members of Saint John's are invited and encouraged to attend.

**\*\*Committee reports for the Annual Report are due to office@SaintJohnsConcord.com NOW.\*\***

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

We are in need of hosts to provide our treats for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. Hosts can attend either the early service at 8 or the second service at 10. Please sign up on the clipboard on the treats table or using this QR code:



**Parables of Jesus: Powerfully Provocative Little Stories**

Jesus often taught his followers using parables, short stories that took common items and actions that Jesus twisted and turned to break open his followers’ understanding of what life in God’s Kingdom could be. As New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine writes about parables, “we would be better off thinking less about what they ‘mean’ and more about what they can ‘do.’ remind, provoke, refine, confront, disturb.”

Sunday, February 9: What is a parable and how is God’s Kingdom like a mustard seed?  
Scripture focus: Mark 4:30-32

Sunday, February 16: Who is my neighbor? Breaking down racial divisions.  
Scripture focus: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, February 23: What are we called to do? The hidden King.  
Scripture focus: Luke 10:25-37

**Green Team Update**

The St. John's Green Team is busy planning events for the coming year. Please stay on the lookout for opportunities to help care for our creation in ways such as: participating in a workshop; helping with the spring road clean-up; giving an hour or two to the spring property clean-up; assisting with plantings, waterings and care for our beautiful property.

And remember all the things you can do at church or at home to care for our mother Earth: purchase recycled products; limit single use, disposable products; choose to use dishware, silverware and drinkware versus throw-away paper (or worse, Styrofoam) products; and lots more! Please reach out to a Green Team member if you have any questions, need more information, or wish to join the team!

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