



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 8 a.m.

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 323 Years of Worship

The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector

The Rev. Terry Dinovo – Priest Associate

The Rev. Elizabeth Brickle – Deacon

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.*

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



Holy Eucharist Rite I

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Prayer Book, 323

Ten Commandments

Prayer Book, 318

Confession

Prayer Book, 320

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate

the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Responsive Reading

Beati quorum

Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart..

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon: All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Please kneel as you are able

Prayer Book, 328

Peace

Birthdays/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 when *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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options:

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

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer Book, 341

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book, 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book, 334

The Communion

Prayer Book, 334

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully. 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

Dismissal

All scripture and prayers are printed with permission.

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Greeter/Usher: Steve Long

Lector: Jan Myers-Knight

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Long

Coffee Hour Host: Maria Warlow & Dolly Constable

Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Payne & Light von Steuben

Altar Guild: Beth Torrens, Tracey Payne & Nancy McKean

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: Please visit SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests for our prayer request policies.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Ed B.	Ann M.	Mildred T.	Jenna L.	John A.	Daniel S. (Navy)
Geri P.	George S.	Fran P.	Elizabeth H.	Trey K.	Rylan B. (Army)
Christine C.	Joyce E.	Eric B.	Mary S.	Kimberly S.	Matt D. Grossman
Family					
Bill C.	Lynne B.	Anne C.	Ed L.	Warren C.	Marlin B. Livvie S.

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

Birthdays:

Francesco DiGironimo Tessa Dunn Finnegan Torok Kathy Mowrer Norma Gibson
Lauren May Jacalyn Sykes Michele Cipollone Andrea Furlano Harriet Flynn Stacey Morey

Anniversaries: Milissa & Robert Conn; Greg & Carol Moore

Announcements

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Sunday, March 30 @ 11:15 AM – Pizza & A Movie: *Bonhoeffer*
Tuesday, April 1 @ 6 PM – Lenten Program *The Chosen*
Wednesday, April 2 @ 1:30 – Parkinson’s Support Group – Local Resources Presentation
Saturday, April 5 @ 9 AM – Lent Retreat
Tuesday, April 8 @ 6 PM – Lenten Program *The Chosen*
Thursday, April 10 @ 10 AM Café; 10:45 Morning Mediation; 11:30 Healing Eucharist
Thursday, April 10 @ 6:30 PM – Compline Worship

Pizza & A Movie: TODAY @ 11:15

Join us to watch *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin* & enjoy some pizza. Please bring a side/dessert to share.

Road Cleanup: Saturday, April 12 @ 9 AM

We will supply reflective vests, trash bags, and caution road signs as we collect trash along a one mile stretch of Concord Road, starting at around Il Granio and heading toward Smithbridge Road. All we need is YOU! Signup using the QR code.



Green Team Bird House Kit Fundraiser – Orders due TODAY!

SaintJohnsConcord.com/GreenTeam/birdhouse-order-form or pick up an order form in the Narthex or the Welcome Center or find the link in the weekly email. Each Bird House kit is \$15.

Sponsor Easter Flowers

Each dedication (in memory, honor or thanksgiving) listing is \$25.00. You may either place a check in the offering plate, mail it, or pay online. The deadline to order is April 13.

Easter Candy Collection

We are once again collecting small Easter candy to be used for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Drop off your donation at the Welcome Center through April 13. Thank you!

Entering the Passion of Jesus - Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Battin Room.

This Lenten series explores the final week full of risks that Jesus and his followers spent in

Jerusalem. Based on the book and DVD *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine invites us to dive deeply into the key moments leading up to Christ's crucifixion, helping us to better understand the significance of these events. We'll explore themes such as betrayal, sacrifice, and the deep love Jesus had for humanity, all while looking at the Jewish context of the Passion narrative.

Tuesday Evenings – The Chosen - 6 PM in the Battin Room.

Enter into the Gospel stories in a new way. *The Chosen: Season 2* brings the ancient world of 1st century Palestine into vivid reality, balancing beauty, story-telling, and historical accuracy. Gathering on Tuesday evenings during Lent, we'll share a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, and watch one or two episodes. Following the show, we'll discuss what we've learned and how this challenges or deepens our faith in the Son of God. Please [sign up](#) to bring something for our meal together using the QR code.



The Meaning of the Cross: A Lenten Retreat for All Ages
NEW DATE: Saturday, April 5 9 AM- 12 Noon

We invite you to take part in a special Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 5. Beginning with breakfast and prayer, Rev Jill will lead us through meditations on the meaning of the Cross through history. Then create your own images of what the Cross means for you. We will incorporate these crosses into our Stations of the Walk on Good Friday, April 18. Sign up here →



Donations for St. Mary's Food Cupboard

We are still collecting shelf-stable food items. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Saint Johns at the Blue Rocks

Reserve your seat at the Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game. The game is Friday, June 6 at 6:30 pm. The price of the tickets is \$13 per seat. It is fireworks night. Invite your family and friends to join us. We are sitting behind home plate, just below the press box. See Steve Long between the services during coffee hour to reserve your tickets or email him at SWLong@comcast.net

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