



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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 *Please stand in body or spirit*

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day: Joy in God's Creation

Celebrant: O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

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

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Responsive Reading

Confitemini Domino

Psalm 118:14-29

14 God is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Most High has
triumphed! *
the right hand of the Most High is
exalted! the right hand of the Most
High has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the God.

18 God has punished me sorely, *
but God did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the God.

20 "This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered
me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is God's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, O God, hosannah! *
O Holy One, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the God; *
we bless you from the house of the God.

27 God is the Holy One who has shined
upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the
horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.

Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

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

John 20:19-31

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

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

Deacon: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation *Please 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.*

Peace

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

Offertory

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The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer I

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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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion

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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

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Blessing

Dismissal

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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: Debbie Miller

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

Altar Guild: Jan Myers-Knight, Nancy McKean & Mel Calhoun

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)	Roger R.
Geri P.	George S.	Fran P.	Elizabeth H.	Rylan B. (Army)	Terry A.	Betty Lou D.
Christine C.	Mary S.	Kimberly S.	Matt D.	Grossman Family	Chris G.	Jean B.
Warren C.	Livvie S.	Bud H.	Bette-Jo R.	Eric B.	Russ R.	Eve D.

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

Birthdays: Rocky Bassick Ann McGonigal Jenny O'Neill Bob Johnson Rowan Carmichael
Ben Torrens Jimmy Yoch Debbie Rainey Tony DiVirgilio Nathan Winnick Janice Grider

Anniversaries: Lauren & Jill Williams-Carliss

Announcements

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Sunday, April 27 – Earth Day Celebration at Saint John's – ALL are welcome!

Sunday, May 4 @ 12:30 PM – Literary Ladies – Becoming Madam Secretary

Wednesday, May 7 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, May 7 @ 3 PM – Pastoral Care Meeting

Thursday, May 8 @ 10 AM – Café, @ 10:45 AM Meditation; @ 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist

Thursday, May 8 @ 6:30 PM – Compline Worship

Friday, May 9 @ 7 PM – Faith by the Fire

Donations for St. Mary's Food Cupboard

We are still collecting non-perishable food and household items. This month we are focusing on collecting tuna, noodles, pasta and sauce. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Saint Johns at the Blue Rocks: Friday, June 6 @ 6:30 PM

Reserve your seat at the Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game. The price of the tickets is \$13 per seat. It is fireworks night. See Steve Long to reserve your tickets / email him at SWLong@comcast.net

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