

# SAINT JOHN'S

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

# Day of Pentecost June 8, 2025 9:30 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 II

— GATHERING —

We prepare our hearts for worship in quiet prayer, prelude and song. Kindly refrain from talking for this time.

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Attr. Nikolaus Deciusc (Setting by Michael Berkhart)

#### Processional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

Hymnal 423

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, #423 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

#### **Opening Acclamation**

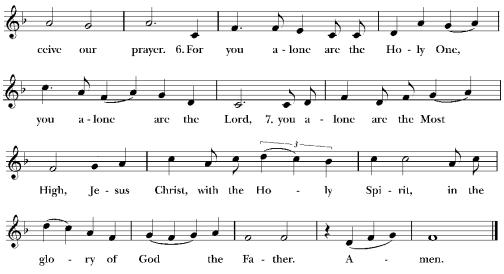
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria (see music pew card)

Hymnal S-280





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#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 2:1-21

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you

suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsive Reading**

#### Benedic, anima mea

#### Psalm 104:25-35,37

- 25 O Holy One, how manifold are your works! \*
  in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \* and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of God endure for ever; \* may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.
- 33 God looks at the earth and it trembles; \* God touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to God as long as I live; \*
  I will praise my God while I have
  my being.
- 35 May these words of mine find favor; \* I will rejoice in the Holy One.
- 37 Bless the Holy One, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

Second Lesson Romans 8:22-27

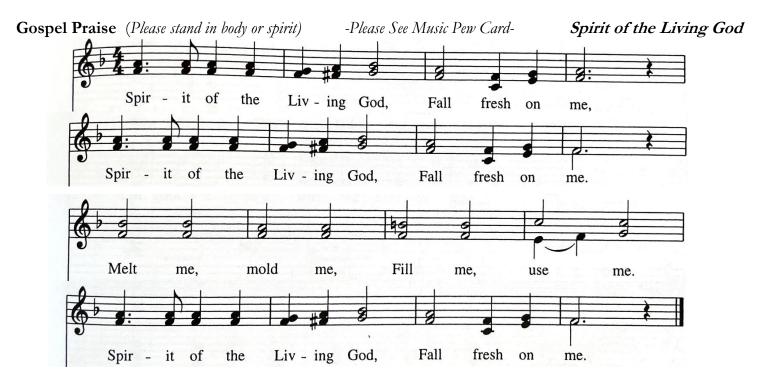
Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

# People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Deacon:* Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Repeat Gospel Song: Spirit of the Living God

The Sermon Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed (Please stand in body or spirit) BCP p. 358

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

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Reader: God of life, we pray for the church around the globe: for the church in Africa, Australia, and all the islands we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!** 

for the church in Asia and Europe, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!** for the church in Central, North, and South America, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!** for St. John's and our sister parish San Andres, Guatemala we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!** 

Reader: Inspire the leaders of nations to strive for justice and equality for all. Bring peace to the Middle East, Sudan and to Ukraine. Provide a home for refugees. For the nations of the world we pray:

# People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Reader: Unite all peoples around the globe into one humankind of cooperation and care. Teach us respect for those whose language, skin color or culture is different from our own. For the end of prejudice we pray:

# People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Reader: Feed all who hunger. Send healing to those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts. For all who are in need we pray:

# People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Reader: Breathe your life-giving Spirit into each of us, that we may be filled with your fire to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. For ourselves we pray:

# People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Reader: With confidence in your love and with trust in your mercy, glorious God, giver of life, we offer these prayers 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 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 Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

Hymnal 516

#### — HOLY COMMUNION —

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues BCP, p. 370

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

#### People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

# *People:* By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

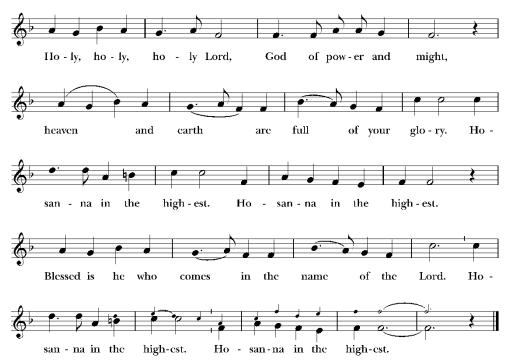
#### People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

#### *People:* By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

# Communion Sanctus Hymnal S-125



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#### The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; in Lent, we refrain from the glad shout of alleluia.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem (Please stand in body or spirit) 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 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 Chalicist at the organ. We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Healing Prayer will be offered in the Sacristy during Communion.

#### Communion Hymn

God is Love

Hymnal 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,

God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

- God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace: with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.
- God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life, God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

God is Love, let heaven adore him, #379 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Held by A.R. Mowbray & Co. Ltd. Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991). Copyright © 1942 Renewal 1970, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

(Please stand in body or spirit)

BCP, p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

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#### **Blessing**



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**Dismissal** – The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.

Postlude Festive Voluntary Flor Peeters

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# **Service Participants**

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
Guest Organist: Carol Angus Choir Facilitator: Carol Angus
Lay Eucharistic Minister: John Keenan Lector: Jan Myers Knight
Usher: Steve Long Altar Guild: Tracey Payne
Counters: Bill Calhoun, Melody Calhoun & Tracey Payne
Tech Team: Gerry Tierney, Phil Thompsen, Evan Willoughby & Patti Doyle

# 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

Daniel S. (Navy) Ed B. Mildred T. Jenna L. Ann M. Geri P. George S. Christine C. Rylan B. (Army) Bill C. Chris G. Ruth S. Betty Lou D. Mary S. Eric B. Rodger R. Olivia S. Russ R. Eve D. Barry E. Bette-Io R. Carl & Susan B. Dottie N. Michele N. John F. Carlin Family John T.

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

**Birthdays:** Greg Adey, Sr. Maria Warlow Keith Morey, Sr. Jessica Villante Jen Calhoun Stock Sara Jean Carliss Katie Barclift Andrew Raak Melissa Sitley Dolly Constable Matthew Furlano Emma Leo Kathleen Smith

Anniversaries: Kathy & Mark Mowrer; Martha & Paul Pearlman; Philip & Sherry Thompsen

#### **Announcements**

# Upcoming Events - Please join us!

Sunday, June 8 @ 11 AM – Green Team Meeting
Sunday, June 8 @ 12:30 AM – Literary Ladies

Thursday, June 12 @ 10 AM Café, @ 10:45 AM Meditation, @ 11:30 AM Healing Eucharist
Thursday, June 12 @ 7 PM – Vestry meeting
Wednesday, June 18 @ 7 PM – WOW Gathering
Thursday, June 19 @ 5:30 PM – Chester Eastside Meal



#### Reusable Insulated Water Bottles

The green team is having a water bottle fundraiser. Cost is \$20 each. You can order your water bottles now. Click the QR Code for ALL the details.

# WOW Gathering: June 18 @ 7 PM

Flower Arranging with the Millers - cost is \$25 - you'll learn how to arrange and care for fresh-cut flowers and go home with a gorgeous arrangement!

# June Holy Hikers: Saturday, June 28 @ 9 AM

Join us at Pocopson Park (477 Locust Grove Rd, West Chester) at 9:00; Mark Mowrer will be our host. Directions from Saint John's: Take route 1 south to route 52 north. Continue 2.3 miles to roundabout and take second exit (straight) on to south Wawaset Road. Go 0.3 miles to first left, turn into parking lot. Bring water. Mark's cell 484-999-7949

# Chester Eastside: Monthly Meals

We will now serve meals on the 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month! If you would like to be a part of this outreach effort and serve as a volunteer, please let Rev Jill know. If you would like to support our sponsorship, please make a donation listing "Chester Eastside" in the memo.

#### **New Pewter Vases**

We are purchasing and engraving new pewter vases for the altar in memory of Barrie Parker. If you would like to donate toward the vases, please note 'Barrie' on the memo of your check or online donation.

# Pastoral Care - Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry

Prayer Shawls are hanging with hanger signs denoting the ministry and are free for the taking for anyone

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in need. Please sign the form near the supply indicating that a blanket/shawl has been gifted. Recipient names are not necessary to maintain confidentiality. If anyone is interested in donating handmade items or colorful yarn to this ministry, please contact Carla Durdan at carladarla@msn.com.

### **Donations for St. Mary's Food Cupboard**

We are still collecting non-perishable food and household items. This month we are collecting shelf-stable juice and protein drinks like Ensure. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Save the date: Tuesday, August 26: 2 PM - 7 PM Sign up using the QR code or at RedCrossBlood.org

