



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

12th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

August 31, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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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.

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.



Morning Prayer Rite II

— GATHERING —

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

Prelude

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Opening Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

LEVAS 201

- 1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

***I've Got Peace Like a River*, #201 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.**

Opening Acclamation

Liturgist: This is the day that God has made!

***People:* Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 79

Liturgist: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***People:* Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Liturgist: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

WORD OF GOD

The Invitatory and Psalter

Liturgist: Lord, open our lips.

***People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

***All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

BCP, p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Appointed Psalm for today is Psalm 81:1, 10-16

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of
Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of
their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest
wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

**ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Reflection Anthem

Hands of God by Francesca Battistelli

sung by Laura Seidelmann

First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 'Thus says
the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
'Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

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

The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum

BCP, p. 86

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

BCP, p. 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn

Blest are the Pure in Heart

Hymnal 656

- 1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.
- 2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;
- 3 he to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.
- 4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

Blest are the pure in heart, #656 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Third Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

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

The Sermon

Ms. Margie Hatcher



Offertory Hymn

Tell Out my Soul

Hymnal 437

Scan the QR code for easy giving options:

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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The Apostle's Creed (*In Unison*)

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

BCP, p. 97

All: 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.

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 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 (*pause for prayers*). 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.

Collect of the Day

Liturgist: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Human Family

Liturgist: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgist may add additional prayers from pages 98-100 here.

General Thanksgiving *(In Unison)*

BCP, p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP, p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

SENDING

Closing Hymn

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

WLP 812

Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will
 save.
 way. I who made the stars of night,
 save. I will break their hearts of stone,
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide
 I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my
 light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
 heard you call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord,
 if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my
 heart. heart.

1. 2. 3.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Bind Us Together

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Announcements

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – Church Office is Closed

Wednesday, September 3 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, September 17 @ 7 PM - Women on the Way

Thursday, September 18 @ 6 PM – Chester Eastside Open Table

End of Summer Celebration! Breakfast Potluck!!

Sunday, September 14 at 10:30

After our final 9:30 worship service of the summer, stay afterwards for a potluck of breakfast foods! We'll enjoy each other's company while we feast on French toast casserole, pastries, and bagels. Please sign up online or in the Parish Hall to bring something.

Kick-off Sunday, September 21 – Return to Two Worship Services!

8:00 Rite I

9:00 Coffee Hour

10:00 Rite II with Choir and Sunday School

Welcome back to St. John's after a summer full of your favorite activities.

We return to two worship services, our contemplative Rite I service at 8:00 AM and our contemporary worship service at 10:00 AM with Choir and Sunday School; coffee hour will be in-between worship services.

SAVE THE DATE!! The Giving Train: LIVE at St. John's! Saturday, November 8

Save the date for our 4th annual Giving Train fundraiser: Delicious food & fellowship! Dance the night away with The Crooked Rose Band! Details and tickets available soon.

Service Participants

Liturgist: Martha Pearlman

Preacher: Margie Hatcher

Organist: Laura Seidelmann

Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Lector: Gerry Tierney

Greeter/Usher: Greg Moore and Dean Danneker

Counters: Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Payne,
Light Von Steuben

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski & Sherry Stiteler

Tech Team: Gerry Tierney, Philip Thompsen, Bill
Klingler & 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

Ann M. Mildred T. Jenna L. Daniel S. (Navy) Geri P. George S. Ed and Martha L.
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 Haley P. Remi S. (Navy) Readinger Family Calhoun Family Borer Family Broemel Family

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

Birthdays: Carla Durdan Kristen von Steuben Adam Dorman Jack Boyda Peter Yoch
 Teal Vaders Donya Morley Bernie Miller Alexis Nagengast Chris Raak John Sorensen
 Darlene Jackson David Torrens

Anniversaries: Tara & Richard Wood; Lynn & Lou Olivieri; Phyllis & Jack Boyda

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