



# SAINT JOHN'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Rooted in God, Growing in Faith*

### ***Feast of Absalom Jones (transferred)***

**February 15, 2026 10 a.m.**

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***Founded 1702 - Celebrating 324 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.*

**How to Worship with Us – Welcome to Saint John’s, Concord!** We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. This bulletin contains our readings and page numbers to use our Book of Common Prayer (smaller black book with gold cross). We use two hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with “Hymnal”) and the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (these hymns are designated by LEVAS). Some of our service music is printed on a separate card (*see pew card*).



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 Saint John’s. May you be blessed by God.

## 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

*Beautiful Savior*

#### Processional Hymn

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LEVAS 1

*The Celebrant, after greeting the People:*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.

BCP p. 355

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

#### Praise *See Music Pew Card*

*Jesus in the Morning*

LEVAS 76

#### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Sunday School

*Ms. Margie Hatcher*

*Younger children process to Sunday School*

### — WORD OF GOD —

#### The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:5-9

*Lector:* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says God, the Lord,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it

and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

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

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

**Responsive Reading**

***In convertendo***

**Psalm 126**

1 When God restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

5 Restore our fortunes, O God, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"God has done great things for them."

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their  
sheaves.

4 God has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

**The Second Lesson**

**Galatians 5:1-5**

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

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Listen! I, Paul, am telling you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. Once again I testify to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obliged to obey the entire law. You who want to be justified by the law have cut yourselves off from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

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

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

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

*See Music Pew Card*

***Celtic Alleluia***

**The Gospel**

**John 15:12-15**

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

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon:* Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Repeat Celtic Alleluia*

**Sermon**

**Rev. Elizabeth Brickle**

**Nicene Creed**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People for Epiphany**

*Leader:* The Magi came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration. God of glory,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: accept the offering of our hearts and minds, and the service of our hands. God of glory,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* The kingdoms of this world have become the Realm of God: grant wisdom and humility to those who govern. God of glory,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* The Holy Family lived in exile: look in mercy on all who are refugees and immigrants, who are poor and powerless, all who suffer, and those on our Prayer List. God of glory,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: protect in your love our neighbors and families, our friends and community. God of glory,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader concludes with:* May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

*Based upon the Church of England's Times and Seasons.*

**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*)

*See Pew Card*

**Offertory Choir Hymn**

***When Jesus Wept***

**William Billings**

*Scan this QR Code for easy giving options:*



**—HOLY COMMUNION—**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Enriching Our Worship**

**Eucharistic Prayer 2**

*Please stand in body or spirit for the Eucharistic Prayer*

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to God.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to our loving God.

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

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God ...

... And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Communion Sanctus: *Santo, Santo, Santo***

**WLP 785**

*Sing twice, once in Spanish and once in English*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

*Celebrant continues:* Glory and honor and praise to you...

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

***People and Celebrant***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread - *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread***

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

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Fraction Anthem**

***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 Chalice 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	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	LEVAS 184
Communion Anthem	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Softly and Tenderly</i> piano solo arr Glenda Austin	
Post Communion Prayer	<i>Please stand in body or spirit</i>	BCP p. 366

— **SENDING** —

**Blessing**

*Celebrant:* Be strong and be bold, for it is God who goes before you. God will be with you; God will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. And may the blessing of God, the One, Holy, Undivided Trinity, be upon you and abide with you now and always.

Recessional Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymnal 460 v. 1,3,4,5
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**Dismissal** - *The worship service has ended; our service to God and to our neighbors begins.*

Postlude	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	Twila Paris
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**Service Participants**

*Celebrant:* Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel  
*Deacon/Preacher:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle  
*Organist:* Laura Seidelmann  
*Choir Director:* Martin Hinkley  
*Usher:* Lynne & Bill Bertolet  
*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* Rocky Bassick  
*Lector:* Gerry Tierney  
*Unvested Lay Chalcist:* Melody Calhoun  
*Crucifer:* Dean Dannaker  
*Altar Guild:* Sandy Bassick and Dolly Constable  
*Counters:* Mary Alice Peeling, Tracey Payne & Light von Steuben  
*Tech Team:* Gerry Tierney, Phil 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) George S. Rylin B. (Army) Eric B.  
Carlin Family Carl & Susan B. Remi S. Jean R. Barbara D. Cheryl K. Sandy H.  
Ceceilia K. Terri S. Cassandra R. June L. Moriah Chuck G. Butch M.  
Diane L. Ruthi S. Charles C. Roseanne H. Dot S.

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

**Birthdays:** Dick Constable Ella Dunn Connor Villante Phoebe Huffman  
John Sykes Sarah Faison Ashlyn Dorman Linda Gaster Rachel Wikel Liam Torok  
Gavin Dunbar Charlotte Grace Strickland Victoria Moulder

**Anniversaries:** Alexandra & Philip Stoops; Marge & Clifford Holgate; Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel & Glenn Wikel

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

Sunday, February 15 @ 12:30 AM – Literary Ladies  
*Monday, February 16 – Church Office is Closed for President's Day*  
Wednesday, February 18 @ 12 Noon & 6 PM – Ash Wednesday Eucharist  
Wednesday, February 18 @ 3-5 PM – Ashes To Go  
Thursday, February 19 @ 5:30 PM (carpool) – Meal at Chester Eastside  
Saturday, February 21 @ 5 PM – Karaoke Night  
Sunday, February 11 @ 11:30 AM – Youth Group  
Tuesday, February 24 @ 6 PM – Lent Soup Supper/Study  
Wednesday, February 25 @ 7 PM – WOW Yoga

#### **Ash Wednesday is February 18**

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon (live-streamed) and 6 PM

Ashes-To-Go from 3 PM – 5 PM

#### **Rockin' with the Rector: Karaoke Night Feb. 21 at 5pm**

Come to our annual *Rockin' with the Rector* Karaoke Night!!

Sing-a-long with your friends to favorite tunes from the hits from 50s through to today.

If you're not brave enough to take the mike, come and support those who are!

This is a potluck event, so bring something tasty to share.

#### **Women of the Bible (Bible Study)**

Digging deeper into the matriarchs of our faith. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:30. View the full schedule on the church website.

*Feb 26* – Women of the Exodus: Miriam (Exodus 2:1-10, Exodus 14:26-15:21) and Rahab (Joshua 2:1-21 and Joshua 6:1-7, 15-25)



### **Coffee Hour: Sundays from 9-9:45am**

HOST a coffee hour (bring the food to share) or SPONSOR a coffee hour (pay \$30 for the Hospitality Team to buy food and set up). We will have a monthly GROUP THEMED coffee hour where we invite anyone who wants to contribute to bring something to go with the theme.

### **February St. Mary's Food Cupboard Collection**

All nonperishable food items are accepted, but this month we are focusing on paper products: paper towels, toilet paper & napkins. You can drop your donation off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

### **The Chosen – Lenten Program**

**Tuesdays, beginning February 24 - 6pm Soup/Salad; 6:30 Program**

Enter into the Gospel stories in a new way. *The Chosen* brings the ancient world of 1st century Palestine into vivid reality, balancing beauty, story-telling, and historical accuracy.

Each episode takes a deep look at Jesus and the lives of those he encountered.

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.

Use the QR code to sign up to bring food.



### **WOW Yoga Night – Wednesday, February 25 @ 7 PM**

Join Women on the Way for Yoga and Meditation. We will be doing a simple yoga practice that can be done either sitting (chair yoga) or standing (traditional). If you have a yoga mat, please bring this with you; and wear clothes you can move well in.

### **Labyrinth: Walking in Prayer - Saturday, March 7 - 8:30 AM – 12 noon**

Join us this Lent for a contemplative retreat exploring the history and prayer practice of the labyrinth. The Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Mertz, Advanced Certified Labyrinth Facilitator, will serve as our teacher and guide. Through engaging instruction and a guided, prayerful walk, we'll encounter the labyrinth as an ancient Christian practice of prayer, repentance, and renewal. All are welcome—no prior experience required. Please sign up using the QR code.



**Save the Date: Saint John's Art & Craft Show: October 3, 2026 4PM – 7PM**

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