



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 324 Years of Worship

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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.*

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). 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. Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.



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

Celebrant: Almighty God, as we believe that your Son Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, lift our hearts and minds to be with him, that we may reflect his presence here on earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Responsive Reading

Omnes gentes, plaudite

Psalm 47

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| 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy. | 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises. |
| 2 For God Most High is to be feared; *
God is the great Sovereign over all the
earth. | 7 For God is Sovereign of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill. |
| 3 God subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet. | 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne. |
| 4 God chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom God loves. | 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham. |
| 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Most High with the sound of the
ram's-horn. | 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
who is highly exalted. |

Reader: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

(Please stand in body or spirit)

John 17:1-11

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

All kneel as you are able

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Peace

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

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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 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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