



SAINT JOHN'S

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The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
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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). We use three hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with "Hymnal"), the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (hymns are designated by LEVAS), and the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (designated by WLP). 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. **Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.**



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

Blessed Assurance

arr. Kathryn Carpenter

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Living God

Hymnal 372

- 1 Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:

the first, the last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.

Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below,
his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old;
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.

***Praise to the living God**, #372 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria (see Pew Card)

Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

— WORD OF GOD —

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Lector: A reading from the book Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

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

Responsive Reading

Domine, probasti

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O God, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness
in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 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.

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 Pew Card

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last line.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Deacon: Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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 of sins.
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 President and all 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.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

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

Minister and 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.

The PEACE

Children return from Sunday School

Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.

Welcome & Announcements

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

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

Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace

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Hymnal 593

- 1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
- 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
- 3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.
- 4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.
- 5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

— **HOLY COMMUNION** —

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Communion Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. 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*

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 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

Blessed Assurance

LEVAS 184

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain*

Blessed Assurance, #184 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

Communion Anthem

Because He Lives

***trio – Laura Seidelmann, Phil
Thompson and Karen Keiffer***

Post Communion Prayer

(Please stand in body or spirit)

BCP, p. 365

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— SENDING —

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

We're Marching to Zion

LEVAS 12

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

2 Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,
But children of the heav'nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

3 The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

4 Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

We're Marching to Zion, #12 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

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

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Flowers are given in memory of Chuck Karte, grandson of William E. Hannum whose family gave the land for Saint John's.

Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
Organist: Laura Seidelmann *Choir Director:* Martin Hinkley
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Burt Blackburn
Lector: Jen Osgood *Crucifer:* Dean Dannaker
Unvested Lay Chalcist: Melody Calhoun *Usher:* Jacqui Dunn & The Osgood Family
Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompson & Patti Doyle
Coffee Hour Host: Sandy McKinley *Altar Guild:* Carol Angus

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

Mildred T. Daniel S. (Navy) Family of George S. Rylin B. (Army) Eric B. Barry E.

Remi S.(Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) John F. Ruthi S. Mary L. Susan F. Christine P.
Norah S. Gerry T. Donna T. Ruth Z. Bill Z. Desiree C. Marti K. Eilish H. Mary S.

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

Birthdays: David Torrens Erin Stoops Fracnes Keller Gerry Tierney Michael Cipollone
Carol Moore Gavin Furlano Emily Bassick Ryan Nagengast Erin Calhoun Strickland
CJ Seidelmann Hunter Seidelmann

Anniversaries: Harriet & John Flynn; Pat Ford-Roegner & Russ Roegner; Kathleen & Charles Smith

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Wednesday, July 22 @ 6 PM – Women’s Potluck Dinner

Thursday, July 23 @ 5:30 PM – Chester Eastside Meal

Saturday, July 25 @ 8 AM – Holy Hikers

School Supplies Collection through Aug. 2

Please drop off your school supply donation at the welcome center. You can also donate online or via check marking ‘School Supplies’ in the memo.

Holy Hikers - Saturday, July 25 at 8 AM

Meet at Birmingham Hill Preserve (1272
Birmingham Rd, West Chester)

July Collection for St. Mary’s

Please bring toothpaste, toothbrush,

shampoo & deodorant to the welcome center.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Aug. 25 1 PM – 6 PM

Help us beat our record! Signup at the welcome center or online to give blood. ONE pint can save up to THREE lives!

Summer Office Schedule

We will attempt to hold regular office hours through the summer, but with our small staff and vacations, please call ahead if you plan on coming in. We will be closed Mondays during July

