



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Processional Hymn

Christ for the World we Sing

Hymnal 537

- 1 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,

whom Christ doth heal.

- 2 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.
- 3 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.
- 4 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Christ for the world we sing, #537 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Genesis 45:1-15

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

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

Responsive Reading

Ecce, quam bonum!

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

5 For there the Lord has ordained the
blessing: *

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of several measures of music, with lyrics written below the staff. 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 score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

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 Gospel

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: [Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed

instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Song: Spirit of the Living God

The Sermon

Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

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

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.*

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.*



- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, #470 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

— **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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G-clef and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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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

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 488

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, #488 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Communion Anthem *Lead Me to the Cross* by Francesca Battistelli Solo by Laura Seidelmann

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

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).

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

Postlude

Standing On the Promises

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Terry Dinovo

Deacon/Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Organist: Laura Seidelmann

Choir Director: Martin Hinkley

Crucifer: John Pachkowski

Eucharistic Minister: Rocky Bassick

Lector: Philip Thompsen

Usher: Jacqui Dunn & Phil Thompsen

Unvested Lay Chalcist: Tracey Payne

Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompson & Patti Doyle
Altar Guild: John Pachkowski & Sherri Stiteler
Counters: Tracey Payne & Melody Calhoun

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) Rylin B. (Army) Eric B. Barry E. Marti K.
Remi S. (Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) John F. Ruthi S. Susan F. Alex S.
Norah S. Gerry T. Donna T. Ruth Z. Bill Z. Eilish H. Mary S.
Christine P. Mary D. Light v S. Leeza K. Celi C.

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

Birthdays: Milissa Conn Rich von Steuben Tyrone Payne Joe Diehl Phyllis Boyda Barabara Davis

Anniversaries: Lisa & Mike Winnick; Andrea & Dave Furlano

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Note: the Church Office will be closed Mondays in August (except Aug. 31)

Wednesday, Aug 19 @ 6 PM – Women's Potluck

Thursday, August 20 @ 5:30 PM – Chester Eastside Meal

Saturday, August 22 @ 8 AM – Holy Hikers

Tuesday, August 25 @ 1 PM – 6 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 27 @ 5:30 PM – Chester Eastside Meal

August Collection for St. Mary's

Please bring first aid items: bandaids, Tylenol, etc. to the welcome center.

August Holy Hikers - Retreat to Valley Forge

Saturday, August 22 at 8a - Meet at Washington's Headquarters (1400 N Outer Line Dr, King of Prussia, PA 19406) This 2.5 mile hike will cover wooded trails as well as the paved Joseph Plumb Martin Trail.

Kids and dogs welcome!

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

Signup at the welcome center or online to give blood. ONE pint can save up to THREE lives.

Please help spread the word by sharing our social media posts and telling your friends and neighbors. The signup is also linked to our homepage on SaintJohnsConcord.com

