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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

I need thee ever hour

arr Marvin Goldstein

Processional Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal 405

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,

he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky, *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. *Refrain*

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Each little flower that opens, #405 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Song of Praise (*see pew card*)

Jesus in the Morning

LEVAS 76

v. 1,2, 4

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing
2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing
4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,
2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,
4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,

1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!
4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!

Collect of the Day: *For Fruitful Seasons* BCP p. 258

Celebrant: Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Exodus 16:2-15

Lector: A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill

of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Confitemini Domino

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-43

- 1 We give thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
make known your deeds among the peoples.
- 2 We sing to you, we sing your praise, *
and speak of all your marvelous works.

- 3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.
- 4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face.

5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,
6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.
37 You led out your people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that
stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
39 You spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and you satisfied them with bread from
heaven.
41 You opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
42 For you remembered your holy word *
and Abraham your servant.
43 So God led forth the people with gladness, *
God's chosen with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)



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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Deacon: Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire

laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. ***People:*** Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Repeat Gospel Song: Celtic Alleluia

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 Honoring God in Creation

(Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of The Episcopal Church)

Reader: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands the responsibility for the stewardship of the earth and its creatures: we pray you will guide us as we care for the good of all creatures, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that that we protect these creatures with whom we share this planet, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those engaged in conservation; in agriculture, ranching, and fishing; in mining, industry, and forestry; that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For those who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially those on our Prayer List, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, Giver of Life: ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Giver of Life, we lift all these prayers to you in the Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *(Kneel as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation:

All: God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

Heal our relationship with all creation.

Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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.*

Choir Offertory

Praise the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

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—*HOLY COMMUNION*—

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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

BCP, p. 370

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

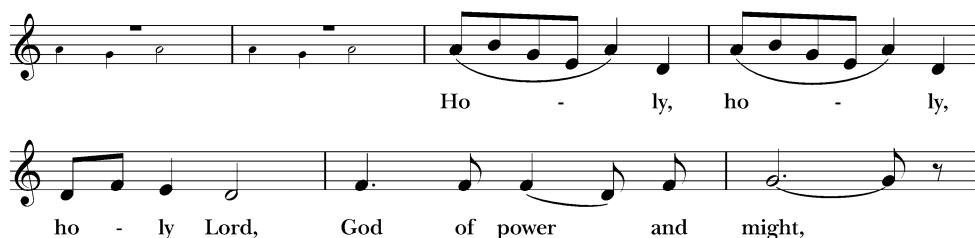
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

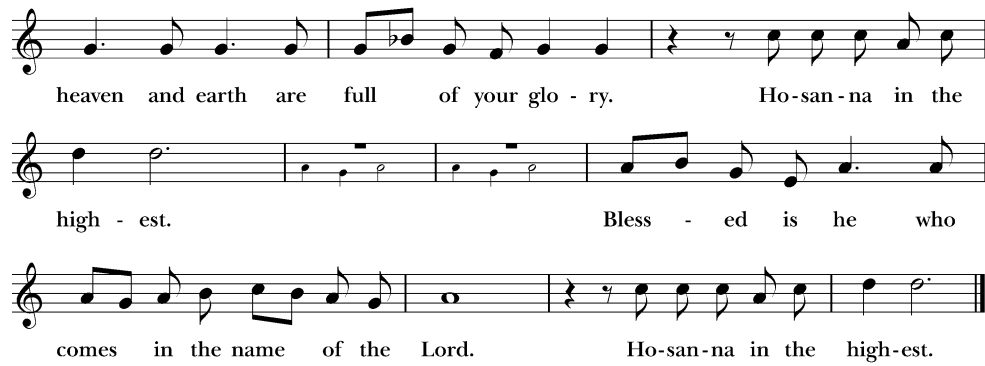
People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Communion Sanctus (*see pew card*)

Hymnal S-128





The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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 **Lead Me, Guide Me** **LEVAS 194**

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.*

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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Communion Anthem **Nearer My God to Thee** arr Jason Tonioli **Piano Solo**

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **BCP, p. 833**

Attributed to Saint Francis

Celebrant and People: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.***

— *SENDING* —

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

We are Marching in the Light

WLP 787

1. We are *marching* in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are *singing* in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of, the light of God.
We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing,
We are singing in the light of, the light of God.
We are singing, singing we are singing, singing,
We are singing in the light of God.

3. We are *dancing* in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of, the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing,
We are dancing in the light of, the light of God.
We are dancing, dancing we are dancing, dancing,
We are dancing in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God [Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' Marcharemos en la luz de Dios], #787 from Wonder Love and Praise — Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965). Music: Siyahamba, South African.

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

Postlude

Holy Ground

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Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
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Eucharistic Minister: Rocky Bassick *Lector:* Sherry Stiteler *Usher:* Greg Moore
Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompson, Alex Brickle & Patti Doyle
Altar Guild: Maggie Hibbs & Tracey Payne *Unvested Chalice:* Elizabeth Ohlson
Counters: Dean Dannaker & Mary Alice Peeling *Coffee Hour Sponsor:* Nancy McKean

Parish Weekly Prayer List

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Please keep the following people in your prayers

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 Remi S.(Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) Ruthi S. Susan F. Norah S. Donna T.
 Light v S. Leeza K. Celi C. David S. Anne Mary Wilma S. Gerry T.

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

Birthdays: Light von Steuben James Yoch III Diane Stover Karen Kieffer Peg Kahler
 Jen Osgood Phil Carango Bob Sullivan John Carlin Anne Pearlman Jeannine Sorensen
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Anniversaries: Dolly & Dick Constable; Lydia & David Dell'Osa; Diane & Eric Schad; Nelson & Mary Gonzalez; Ken and Joanne Daws; Maria & Joseph McNeill