



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* **BCP, p. 323**

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. 323**

Gloria **BCP, p. 324**

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.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People:*** Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Confitemini Domino

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-42

- 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.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Matthew 20:1-16

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

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 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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Confession and Absolution

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Peace

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

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 Chalice: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalicist 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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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle *Usher:* Steve Long
Lector: Jan Myers-Knight *Lay Eucharistic Minister:* Mark Mowrer *Coffee Hour Sponsor:* Nancy McKean
Counters: Dean Dannaker & Mary Alice Peeling
Altar Guild: Tracey Payne & Maggie Hibbs

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) 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
Alex Brickle

Anniversaries: Dolly & Dick Constable; Lydia & David Dell'Osa; Diane & Eric Schad; Nelson & Mary Gonzalez; Ken and Joanne Daws; Maria & Joseph McNeill