



SAINT JOHN'S

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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

Come Into His Presence

Processional Hymn

Morning has Broken

Hymnal 8

- 1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

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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 Stewardship of Creation* BCP p. 259

Celebrant: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 17:1-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do

with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

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

Responsive Reading

Attendite, popule

Psalm 78:1-4; 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O
God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.
- 12 You worked marvels in the sight of their
forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

- 13 You split open the sea and let them pass
through; *
you made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 You led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 You brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

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

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

Deacon: When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to

the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Song: Celtic Alleluia

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 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

Go Into the World

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Natalie Sleeth

—**HOLY COMMUNION**—

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Please stand in body or spirit 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 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.

*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

Thou Gracious God Whose Mercy Ends 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

Come thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal 686

- 1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, #686 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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

Postlude

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon/Preacher:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
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Reader & Acolyte: Emily Osgood *Chalicist:* Kaitlyn Osgood
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Altar Guild: Maggie Hibbs & Tracey Payne *Unvested Chalicist:* Tracey Payne/Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel
Counters: Lydia Dell'Osa, David Dell'Osa & Nancy McKean *Coffee Hour Sponsor:* Peg Calogero

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: John Carlin Anne Pearlman Jeannine Sorensen Alex Brickle Tom Sitley
Mary Pat Lynam Tim Blackburn John Warlow Bette Jo Readinger Marge Holgate

Anniversaries: Diane & Eric Schad; Nelson & Mary Gonzalez; Ken and Joanne Daws; Maria & Joseph McNeill; Rev. Elizabeth & Eirc Brickle; Stephan & Stephanie Carmichael; Carla & Mike Durdan; Diane & Don Stove