



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 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.*

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: 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?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Reader: 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.

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

The Gospel *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

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 Chalice 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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Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel *Deacon/Preacher:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle *Usher:* Steve Long
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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.
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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

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Diane & Don Stover