



SAINT JOHN'S

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Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

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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 ***Softly Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*** **arr Jason Tonioli**

Processional Hymn ***How Lovely is They Dwelling Place*** **Hymnal 517**

- 1 How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

- 2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.
- 3 They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.
- 4 One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live they words they pray.

How lovely is thy dwelling-place, #517 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Sts. 3-4, Copyright © 1982 by Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL. 60188). All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Brother James's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Opening Acclamation

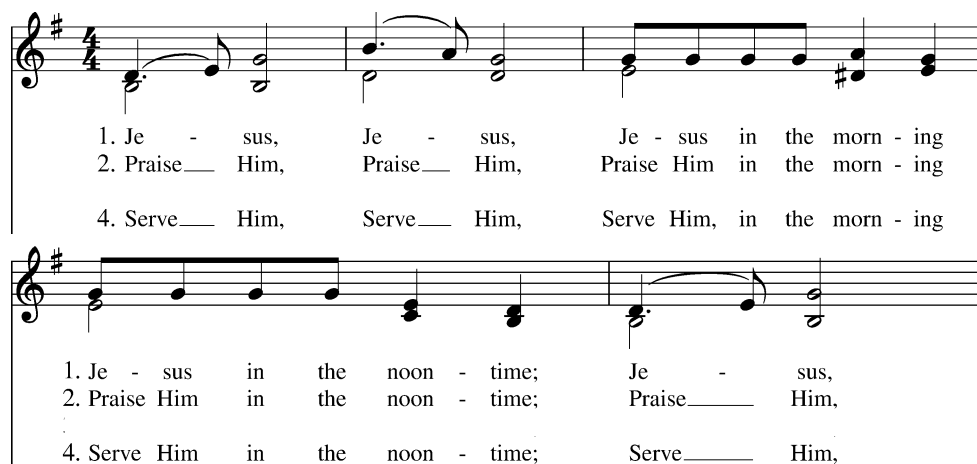
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Song of Praise (see *pew card*)

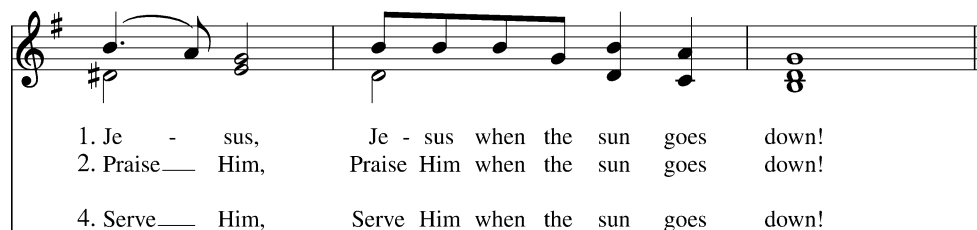
Jesus in the Morning

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 the Conservation of Natural Resources* p.827

Almighty God, in giving us stewardship over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

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

Responsive Reading

Domine, refugium

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 O God, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O God; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the
morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of
our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that
you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

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

Deacon: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 *See Pew Card*
(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 the President, Congress, and 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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit



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—HOLY COMMUNION—

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

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.

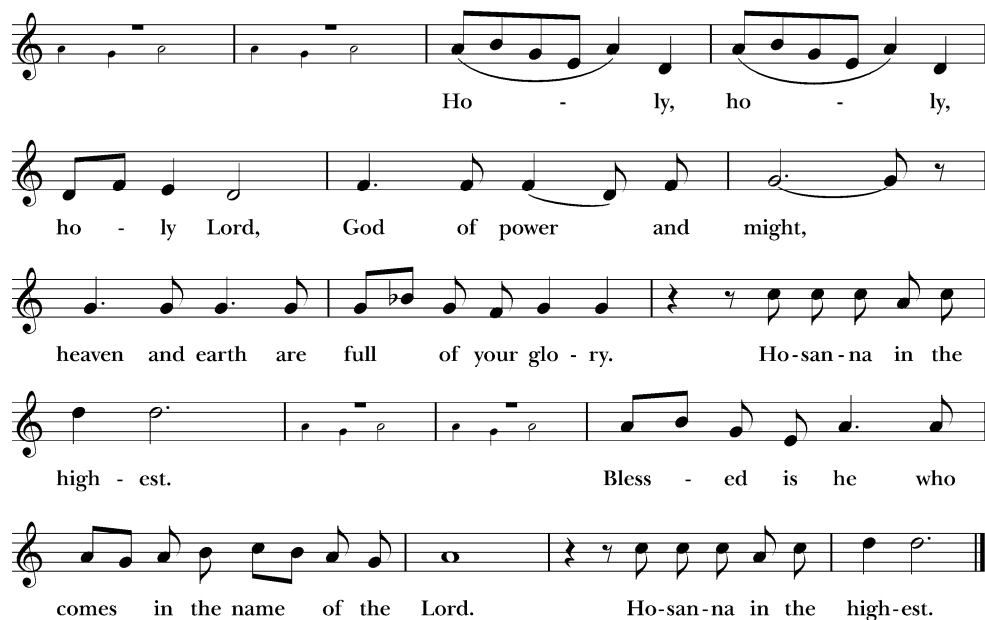
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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.

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 Chaliceist 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

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal 602

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Chorus*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

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Communion Anthem **Poor Wayfaring Stranger** 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

Soon and Very Soon

LEVAS 14

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

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

Postlude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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Service Participants

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Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle

Organist: Laura Seidemann *Choir Director:* Martin Hinkley

Lectors & Acolytes: Rylie Harrington & Emily Osgood

Unvested Eucharistic Minister: Tracey Payne & Dean Dannaker
Usher: Jen Osgood
Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompson, Alex Brickle & Patti Doyle
Altar Guild: Jan Myers-Knight
Counters: Dean Dannaker & Light von Steuben

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. Maida O. Terry A.
Remi S.(Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) Susan F. Norah S. Donna T. John D. Shelby D.
Leeza K. Celi C. David S. Anne Mary Wilma S. Gerry T. Miriam S.

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

Birthdays: Bryan Ely, Jr. Danielle Yoch Dorothy Sullivan Patti Doyle Georgeanna Shuman
Clifton Carliss Tracey Payne Donna Tierney Miriam Stanton Craig Michael Hastings

Anniversaries: Peggy & Steve Long; Melissa & Tom Sitley