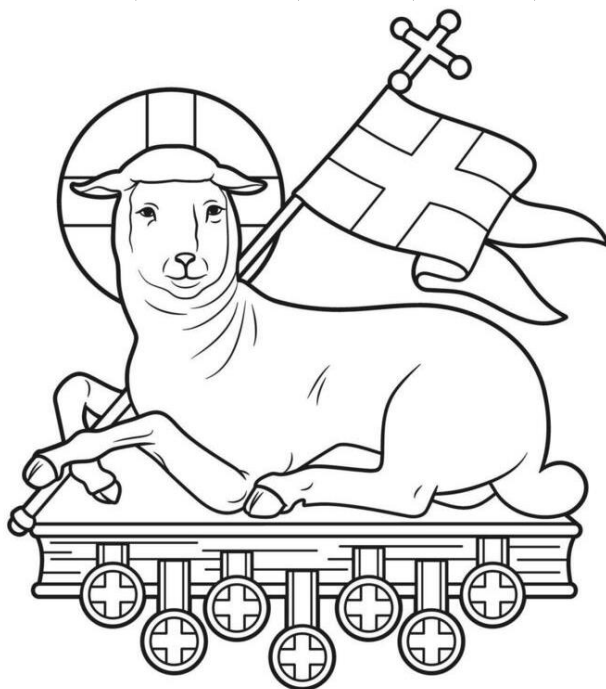


# St. John's Episcopal Church



The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 10 and 11, 2025

**The Prelude** *Sheep May Safely Graze*

*J.S. Bach*

**The Opening Hymn** *Good Christians, all rejoice and sing*

*The Hymnal 1982, 205, vs. 1, 3-5*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**The Gloria**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 280*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 9:36-43**

*In this reading from the story of the early church, Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha. Tabitha was known for her many good works. Her restoration to life led to numerous new converts. Peter then stays for a time in Joppa with Simon, a tanner whose occupation would have rendered him a near outcast.*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response, Psalm 23**

*Dominus regit me*

*This psalm reminds us the Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.*

**We will read the psalm together**

**The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \***

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; \***

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil; \***

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \***

**thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

### **The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*In this lesson "John the Seer" presents a heavenly vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution. .*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.  
The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual Hymn** *The King of Love my shepherd is*

*The Hymnal 1982, 645*

**The Gospel**

**John 10:22-30**

*Then, all standing in body or spirit,*

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

*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Alan R. Hesse**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Enriching Our Worship I*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 387*

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our bishop Julia, for our rector Alan and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those on our prayer list: Mary, Susan, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Dave, Alannah, MaryAnn, Dave, Luke, Bruce, April, Lyn, Henry, Steve, and Philip M.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

The altar is adorned to the Glory of God in honor of all mothers, by Jann and Gerry Czarnetzki.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the members of the Churches of the Concord River Deanery:

**Church of the Good Shepherd (Acton), St. Andrew's Church (Ayer), Trinity Church (Concord), St. Andrew's Church (Framingham), Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society**

I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**The Offertory Anthem** *Ave Maria*

*setting by Bach and Gounod*

*Glen Carliss, trumpet*

**The Offertory Prayer** - 5pm, *All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

### **The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**



### **The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*



*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **The Fraction Anthem**

***Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life,  
Lead us to one another.***

As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise  
to return again. ***Refrain***

5 You are the bread of peace,  
you are the wine of joy,  
broken now for your people,  
poured in endless love. ***Refrain***

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.***

*Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*

*As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing you may cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you would like to remain in your seat and receive communion, please let an usher know.*

**The Communion Hymn** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

*The Hymnal 1982, 343*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

### Welcome & Announcements

**The Closing Hymn** *Glorious things of these are spoken*

*The Hymnal 1982, 523*

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### The Postlude

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### Serving Today

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Alan R. Hesse

**Lectors:** Nancy Sylva, Celia Bailey-Ochoa

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Ames, Alan Miller

**Musicians:** Misao Koyama and Choir

**Ushers:** Mary Howe, Judy Cohen

**Altar Guild:** Sylvia Connor, Phyllis Helfrich, Bev Messersmith, Anne Miller

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### Announcements

**Invite Welcome Connect:** Beginning Saturday, May 10th, after the 5pm service, Invite Welcome Connect will be hosting a monthly social gathering on the second Saturday of every month. Beverages and appetizers will be served. All are welcome! Consider bringing a friend, neighbor, or family members and join us after worship in the Parish Hall. The next few dates are **June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13.**

**Save the date!** Misao Koyama has been the Director of Music at St. John's for twenty years. Following the 9:30am service on May 18, please join us in the Parish Hall for a 20th Anniversary celebration for her and consider honoring Misao with a "Card Shower". You may include a monetary gift in your card.

**Common Threads** is cancelling the May 14 meeting. On June 11 there will be a volunteer Luncheon for this group in the Parish Hall. More information will follow.

**St. John's Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale** is happening May 23, 24, and 26 from 8am - 4pm, and Sunday, May 25 from 12noon to 4pm. Deb Roberts is collecting furniture and other household items for the sale. Take another look to see if there are treasures you can part with. Pass on the word to others who may have treasures to donate - and maybe get a tax deduction at the same time! Deb can be reached at 910-695-6100. Also, the Ways and Means Committee could use your help with pre-sale set-up and assisting customers during the sale. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, if you can spare some time during the week of May 21-26. Thank you!

**St. John's Caring for Creation Committee presents: From Forecasting to Climate Action: Tackling Cape Cod's Climate Challenges with Local Innovations**

Join meteorologist and climate scientist and communicator **Chris Gloninger** for an engaging exploration of Cape Cod's pressing climate challenges and the innovative solutions being developed locally to address them. From rising sea levels and coastal erosion to the increasing frequency of extreme weather, Cape Cod finds itself on the frontlines of the climate crisis.

**Please join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 27 at 27th for this informative presentation - free and open to the public!**

**St. John's Summer Breeze Concert Series** is back for the 2025 season! This year our own Glen Carliss has scheduled great entertainers for us to enjoy (remember the wonderful Stage Door Canteen concert in March?!!). These free and family-friendly concerts are every Wednesday evening at 6pm, July and August. Dust off your lawn chairs and blankets and mark your calendars. (Concerts moved into the church in the event of rain). Invite family and friends for evenings of fellowship! If you would like to assist financially (donation to help offset the cost of entertainment, or gift card donation for raffle), please place your donation in the offering plate indicating the offering is for the Concert Series. The Ways and Means Committee (Fr. Al, Ann Geary Roche, Kathy Uggerholt, Glen Carliss, and Deb Roberts, and maybe you!) need volunteers to help staff each concert. Contact any

Committee member if you have questions about volunteer opportunities. Thank you and let's get ready for some fun and fellowship!

**Women's Group** is taking the summer off. See you in September!

**Invite Welcome Connect Summer Planning** will meet June 3, 10, and 17 from 5:30-6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**St. John's is having a "Golf Outing for 4" Raffle**, going on now through August 27<sup>th</sup>.

18 holes for 4 players with carts at White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth **OR**

18 holes for 4 players with carts at Squirrel Run Country Club in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50 and are available for purchase at each service, in the Church Office during business hours, and the Thrift Shop. The drawing will be held at the final Summer Breeze Concert on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Please help us honor our graduates** by calling or emailing the office with names of any graduates in your family, near or far! 508-888-2828 or parishadmin@sjchurchsandwich.org.

**The next Baptism** will be held on June 29.

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### May 10-18, 2025

#### Saturday, May 10

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

6pm Invite Welcome Connect Social, Parish Hall

#### Sunday, May 11

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Hospitality following worship, Parish Hall

#### Monday, May 12

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

#### Tuesday, May 13

12noon AA, Parish Hall

7pm Vestry via Zoom

#### Wednesday, May 14

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

#### Thursday, May 15

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30pm Lasit Performing Arts, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

#### Friday, May 16

1pm Caring for Creation, Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/892976341>

#### Saturday, May 17

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

530 IWC Summer Planning, Hall

#### Sunday, May 18

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist

Potluck lunch celebrating Misao Koyama following worship, Parish Hall

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## Welcome to St. John's!

*Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!*

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian. *All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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