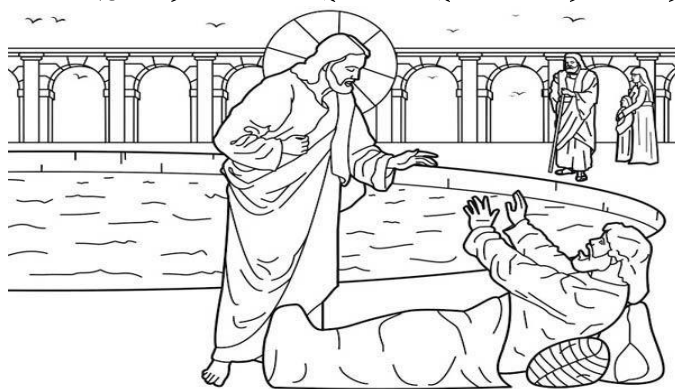


# St. John's Episcopal Church



## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 24 and 25, 2025

**The Prelude** *How can I keep from singing*

*setting by David Gale*

**The Opening Hymn** *All creatures of our God and King*

*The Hymnal 1982 400, vs 1, 4, 5, and 7*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*Book of Common Prayer, page 55*

*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

### Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

**Acts 16:9-15**

*In this reading from the story of the early church, Paul and his companions are called by a vision to journey to Macedonia and the city of Philippi, where a merchant named Lydia responds to the gospel and is baptized, together with her household. She offers her home to the travelers, and becomes an important supporter of their missionary endeavor.*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### The Response, Psalm 67

*Deus misereatur*

*This psalm is a prayer for God's graciousness and saving power, and a bidding of praise by all people for God's justice and bounty. We will read responsively by half-verse.*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
**your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

### The Epistle

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

*In this reading "John the Seer" presents a vision of a new Jerusalem, the paradise of God. The city has no need of a temple or of a sun or moon, for it is enlightened by the very glory of God and the lamp of the Lamb, who is Jesus. It will be a place of purity and abundance for the saints. As in the Garden of Eden, here will be found the river and tree of life.*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gradual Hymn *O blessed Spring*

*Wonder Love and Praise (green book), 765*

### The Gospel

*Then, all standing in body or spirit,*

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

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

**John 5:1-9**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, Jesus led His followers to Jerusalem where they would celebrate a Jewish feast together.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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 F., Luke, Bruce, April, Lyn, Henry, Steve, Philip M., and Rob.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

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

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the members of the Churches of the Concord River Deanery: **St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church** (Lincoln), **St. Paul's Church** (Natick), **Trinity Chapel** (Shirley), **St. Mark's Church** (Southborough), and **Acolytes**.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

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

**The Offertory Anthem** *The Tree of Life*

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

**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 people remain standing in body or sprit.*

*v The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

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

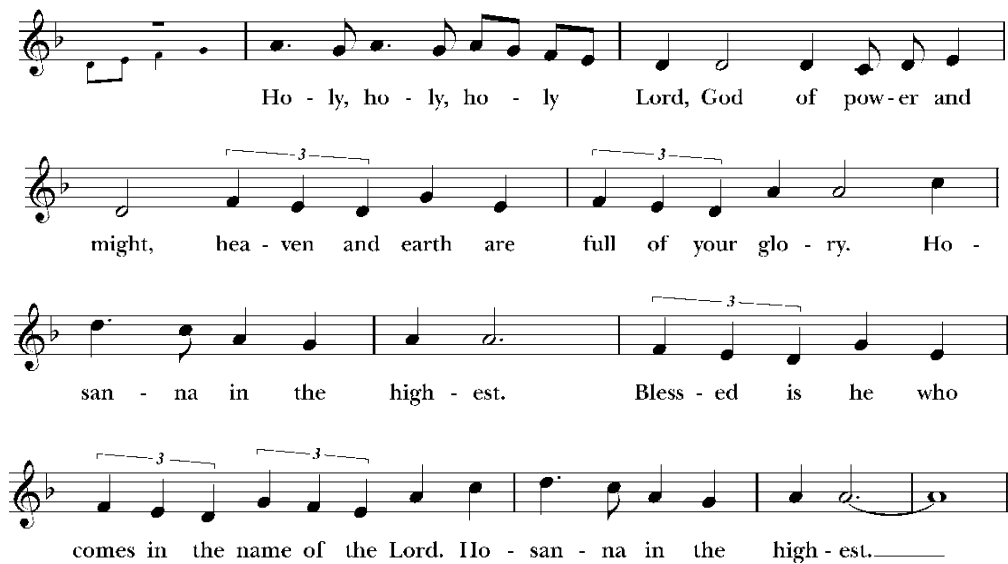
*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



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 *Peace before me*

*Wonder Love and Praise (green book), 791*

### 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 *O beautiful for spacious skies*

*The Hymnal 1982, 719*

### The Dismissal

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

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

### Serving Today

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

**Lectors:** Lillian Woo, Eileen Donaruma

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Ames, Jared Cohen

**Musicians:** Misao Koyama and Choir

**Ushers:** Mary Howe and Lynn Tozier

**Altar Guild:** Melissa Abbott, Jann Czarnetzki, Judy Cohen and Sharon Therriault

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### Announcements

**THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO helped** make Misao's 20th Anniversary Celebration a HUGE success! It was a beautiful service, followed by a wonderful feast in the Parish Hall and a fabulous way to honor our Director of Music!

**St. John's Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale** continues Sunday, May 25 12noon-4pm and Monday, May 26 8am-4pm. We need volunteers to work the sale. Please consider helping on either day. Thank you!

**St. John's Caring for Creation Committee** presents *From Forecasting to Climate Action: Tackling Cape Cod's Climate Challenges with Local Innovations*. Meet local meteorologist, climate scientist and communicator **Chris Gloninger** for an engaging exploration of Cape Cod's pressing climate challenges. He will share innovative solutions being developed locally to address climate change. Living here we see directly the 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 **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for this informative presentation - free and open to the public. Bring a friend!

**Registration is open for family and youth summer camps:** The summer season opens soon at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Families of all configurations can enjoy an extra-long weekend of activities, worship and family-oriented fellowship during the June 27-30 Family Camp session. The summer schedule also includes four week-long youth Overnight Camp sessions, running between July 6 and Aug. 1, for children and youth completing 2nd through 11th grades. Part of the mission at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center is that no child or family be unable to participate in camp due to financial hardship; camperships are available for those who need them. For details and camp registration, visit [bchcenter.org/bchcamp](http://bchcenter.org/bchcamp).

**St. John's Summer Breeze Concert Series:** Great local musicians have been scheduled by our own Glen Carliss. You will remember Glen from the wonderful Stage Door Canteen concert in March. These family-friendly concerts are held every Wednesday during the months of July and August at 6pm. Dust off your lawn chairs and blankets and mark your calendars. Concerts moved into the church in the event of rain. Bring family and friends for evenings of music from some of the best musicians on the Cape. If you would like to offset the cost of entertainment, please place your donation in the offering plate. In the memo line, please write "Concert Series" or drop off a check to the Parish Office. St. John's is looking for volunteers to help staff each concert. We already have the choir and also the vestry hosting two concerts in July. Thank you and let's get ready for some fun great music!

**Invite Welcome Connect Summer Planning** meets 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. Tickets are available 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. Raffle tickets 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>.

**It's time to think about the Christmas Faire!** Please join us on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> following worship. Committee Chairs and anyone interested in the Christmas Faire are welcome. For more questions, please contact Fr. Alan.

**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@stjohnssandwich.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjohnssandwich.org).

**St. John's is offering the Holy Sacrament of Baptism** on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Alan if you are interested in baptism or on behalf of someone else.

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## May 24-June 1, 2025

### Saturday, May 24

8am-4pm Memorial Day Yard Sale

9:30am AA, Church

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, May 25

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

12noon-4pm - Memorial Day Yard Sale

### Monday, May 26

8am-4pm - Memorial Day Yard Sale

10am Al-Anon, Church

### Tuesday, May 27

12noon AA, Parish Hall

7pm - Caring for Creation Presentation, Parish Hall

### Wednesday, May 28

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, May 29

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30pm Lasit Performing Arts, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

### Friday, May 30

No activities scheduled

### Saturday, May 31

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, June 1

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist

11am Christmas Fair Chairpersons meeting

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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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