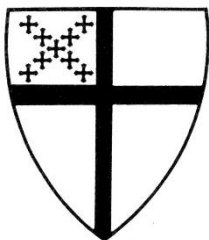


# St. John's Episcopal Church



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 31 and June 1, 2025

**The Prelude** *Allegro and Andante*

G.F. Handel

**The Opening Hymn** *Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

*The Hymnal 1982* 495

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 55

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

**The Gloria** *5pm*

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 Gloria** *9:30am*

*The Hymnal 1982*, S 236

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: Benedictus es, Domine, #236 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music — Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc

**The Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Acts 16:16-34**

*In this reading from the story of the early church, followers learn of the imprisonment of Paulo and Silas after Paul had healed a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit. An earthquake opens the doors of the prison, but Paul takes the occasion to convert the jailer and his family. This is among a series of many adventures that happened to Paul in his missionary work. It illustrates both his fortitude and the manner in which he seized every opportunity to spread the gospel.*

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-

telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response, Psalm 97**

*This psalm is a hymn to awesome Lord and Ruler who brings the fire of judgement and light for the righteous.*

*We will read this psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
**let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
**and burns up his enemies on every side.**
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
**the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
**at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
**and all the peoples see his glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
**Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
**he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
**and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**

## The Second Lesson

**Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

*In his final vision, John the Seer pictures the glorious Lord Jesus coming to judge and to save. Blessed are those who have washed their robes by sharing in the sufferings of the one who is both David's offspring and Lord. He is the brightest star of heaven. The bride, which is the church, joins with the Spirit and all others who take their part in calling, "Come!"*

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Gradual Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the sky*

*The Hymnal 1982, 581*

## The Gospel

**John 17:20-26**

*Then, all standing in body or spirit,*

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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**

*Scottish Liturgy 1982 (revised 2022), Form 2*

*Lay Leader* Let us offer prayers for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world, and destined us in love to be your own: help us to pray for all your children. For the life of the world; that your peace may be known and may prevail.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We remember 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 for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who exercise rule and authority; that they may acknowledge your power:

For Donald our President, for Maura our Governor, for our Senators Edward and Elizabeth, for our Representative William, for all our elected officials,

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Church which is Christ's body; that it may live for the praise of your glory:

In our prayers, we hold our Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Julia and our Rector Alan.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died and those loved ones we remember. We remember especially Janice Scovill.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Churches of the Concord River Deanery: **St. Mark's Chapel**, **St. Mark's School** (Southborough), **St. Elizabeth's Church** (Sudbury), **St. Peter's Church** (Weston), and **The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for our own needs and of others. I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

*Celebrant offers a concluding collect*

## The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Offertory Anthem *Grace*

*Carolyn Hamlin*

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

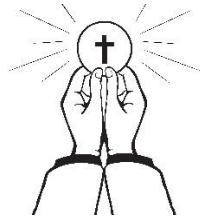
The Doxology *Then, all standing in body or spirit.*

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 in body or spirit.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 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:

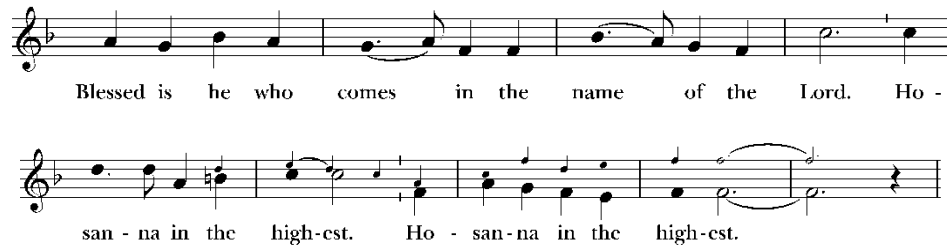
## Sanctus

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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 *Loving Spirit*

*Wonder Love and Praise (green book), 742*

## 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 *We all are one in mission*

1 We all are one in mission,  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different,  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace,  
so people of all nations may feel  
God's warm embrace.

*Wonder Love and Praise (green hymnal), 778*

3 We all behold one vision,  
a stark reality;  
the steward of salvation  
was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice  
gives rise that we may share  
free reconciliation  
and hope amid despair.

4 Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission,  
we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## The Dismissal

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

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

## The Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

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*Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Fredrick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition" Morehouse 2009*

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### Serving Today

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

**Lectors:** Analisa Luippold, Phyllis Helfrich, Helen Miller

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Lillian Woo, Charles Diana

**Musicians:** Misao Koyama and Choir

**Ushers:** Mary Howe, Bill Mills

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

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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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