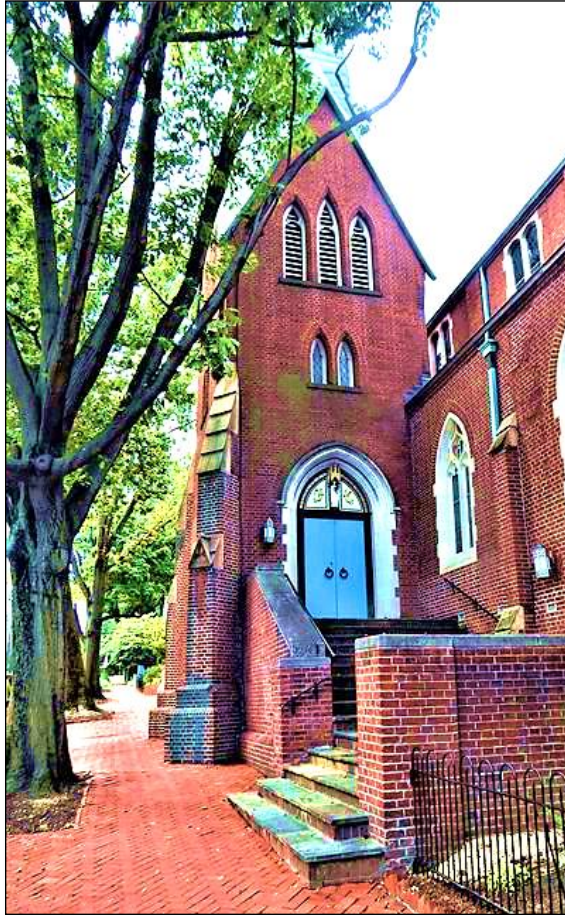


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JUNE 1, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

During the summer months, we worship as one congregation with a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

PRELUDE *Four Images of "Charlestown"*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **HYMNAL 450**

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)*

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to you* **HYMNAL S-236**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 (*please be seated for the readings*)

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.

PSALM 97

- 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

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.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

HYMNAL 214

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory 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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE RT. REV. ROBERT GEPERT

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

BCP 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. *(pause)*
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: Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church of the Nativity, Newport, St. Stephen's, Thompsontown; and The Anglican Church of Korea.
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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Joe, our pastors; and Emma, our seminarian,
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; especially Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces.
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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Sandy, Marshall, Bonnie, Wade Hinkle, Heidi, Danny and Kenneth, Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Watch over your children, 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 if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

Samuel Walter

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

HYMNAL 380 v.3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

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:

THE SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

HYMN S-129

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on St. Flavian
De Colores (traditional Spanish)

The Bell Choir

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People *We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

HYMNAL 477

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

George Frederick Handel
(arr. Lani Smith)

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

안녕 (Annyeong) from Seoul, South Korea. I'm here and writing during the week leading up to the national election on June for a new President. You may have read that the former President Yoon Suk Yeol caused panic when he suddenly declared martial law, and was then impeached. There are six major candidates to replace him, and many people are very vocal in their support or opposition of each of them. The world is watching not only for the result, but also how the people carry out this fundamental characteristic of democracy. One very interesting facet of the process here in Korea is that most companies try to remain politically neutral. Example: Starbucks. Have you ever ordered coffee on the Starbucks app? Apparently, it's common and fun for people to make up names or sayings, and then when their coffee is ready the barista calls out that name for everyone in the shop to hear. Imagine ordering your coffee under the name "Merry Christmas." Or "Peace be with you!" In the last few months there's been an uptick in baristas calling out "Arrest Yoon Suk Yeol" or "Lee Jae-myung is a spy!" So during the election season the Starbucks app will not allow any of the names of the candidates to be used when ordering coffee! One barista told me an order was met with both cheers and jeers in her shop where she hoped everyone would get along peaceably, so she welcomed this change by the company and hopes all her customers can find common grounds to enjoy their coffee.

I understand that you, Joe, have been traveling, and you, Amanda, are about to be visiting new places and people. I hope you are finding those common grounds that we all share, that unite us as one family, and that one spirit which weaves together all of our differences into one Creation. Maybe over coffee.

Cheers,
John the Traveler

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, JUNE 2

4:30 PM TLC Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Executive Committee

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

12:00 PM HEII with Healing

2:00 PM Men's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Committee

2:30 PM Food Pantry

7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST NEED!

The Community Breakfast Crew will be collecting sunscreen and hats (baseball hats, bucket hats) to hand out at breakfast this summer. Please consider purchasing SPF 50 and over. Contact Jess Eccles at jessicalp10@gmail.com with any questions.

LEMONADE TIME RETURNS!

Starting TODAY, June 1st, following the 9:00 a.m. service we will be serving lemonade during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet in Parish Hall.

PRIDE PRAYER SERVICE

Please join TLC for an ecumenical prayer service celebrating Pride month and affirming our LGBTQIA+ siblings!

Wednesday June 11th at 7pm outside in the courtyard (rain or shine! We have umbrellas and tents!). A light meal will be shared afterwards in the multipurpose room. All are welcome from any or no faith background.

VOLUNTEER AT PRIDE

It's St. John's 4th year at Pride! We need help to staff our table on Saturday, June 28th and some help Friday evening to set up. Our goal is to support and affirm the LGBTQIA+ community. We will offer temporary tattoos & prayer stones/prayer bowl as well as information about our services & ministries.

Most shifts are an hour and a half. Shorter shifts at start/end of day. This year admission is free, so come to check out the festivities before or after your shift. Please review the signup genius in the Messenger or contact Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky mariaweaverh@gmail.com.

St. John's Responds in Love



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."

Get involved with the St. John's food pantry, community breakfast, or blessings box ministries. As government subsidies continue to be slashed, meeting the material needs of others is great. Write a check, volunteer, or donate food! Never underestimate the power of a full plate or a shared meal.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Every Tuesday evening, St. John's opens its doors to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees to assist with paperwork, share legal guidance, and offer a safe space to build community. Volunteer to greet our neighbors, pray for those who gather here, and stay informed by following the Episcopal Public Policy Network.



"I was naked and you clothed me..."

This summer, we'll be welcoming even more people to our annual Yard Give. Please donate any clothing, household items, or linens you have available.

There are many other ways we can clothe our neighbors. Our LGBTQIA+ community, and other marginalized people, are under attack. We can clothe them with love and acceptance by showing up to rallies, protests, and events that take a stand against hate and intolerance and promote love.



"I was sick and you visited me..."

Taking care of each other is crucial to spreading hope in this broken world. Check in with each other, encourage volunteers who are working tirelessly to walk in the way of love. Spend time together outside of church and invite others into relationship. We are stronger together.



"I was in prison and you came to me..."

Countless people are living in confinement. Be it the prison, a retirement home, or even their own home due to fear. Our discipleship requires us to go to where the need is and spread hope and light in the darkest of places. Our Caring Ministries, Prison Ministries, F2 & F3 Ministries do just that - get involved if you aren't already!



WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

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Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

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