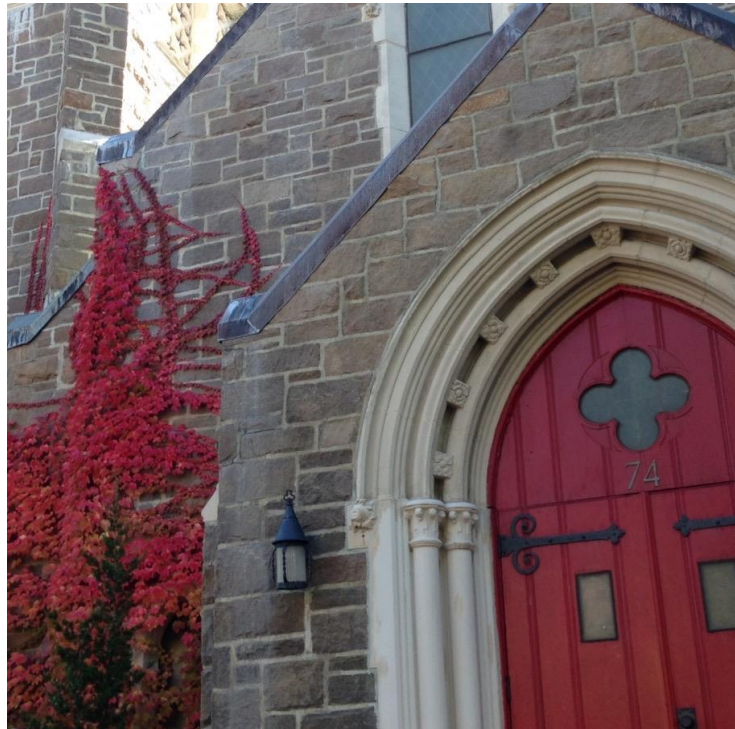


St. John's Episcopal Church

74 Pleasant Street
Arlington, Massachusetts

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 2023



Sunday Worship Service

We welcome you to St. John's Church!

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Alewife Deanery – Louie Steptoe (2023); Emelia Blankson (2024)

Alewife Deanery Co-Convener – Anson Stewart (2024)

Diocesan Delegates – Phil Killewald (2023); Frank Foster (2024)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Processional Hymn: “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

#487 in 1982 Hymnal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

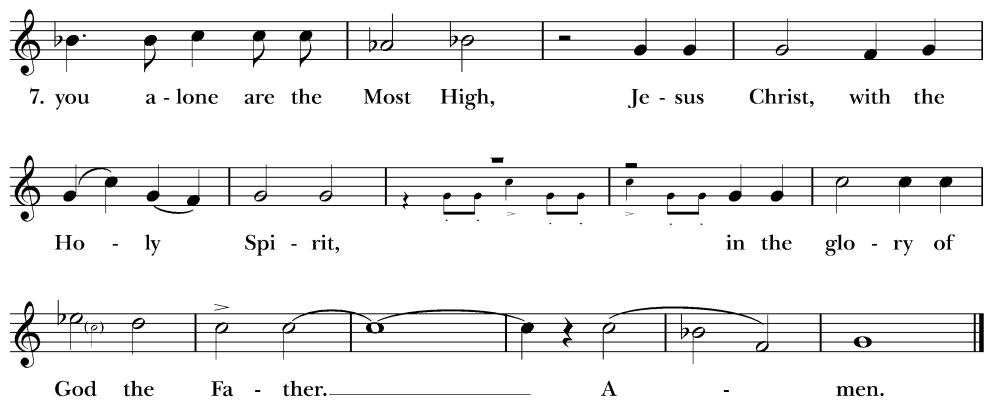
Collect for Purity:

All: 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.*

Gloria: Gloria in excelsis

S278 in 1982 Hymnal





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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Today:

All: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings

The First Lesson: Acts 7: 55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”

#488 in 1982 Hymnal

(Sing vs. 1&2 before the reading and v. 3 after the reading.)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dawna Wall

The Nicene Creed

ALL: 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 and the Son,
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.*

Prayers of the People

In our prayers today we remember those on our parish prayer list: Henri & Eva Blaauw; Emelia Blankson; Nancy Brown; Chris Capaldo; Carol; Gene & Donna Downing; Edith; Carol Gallagher; Alex Greenly; Jack; Linda; Connie McKinley; Bruce Oliver; Lucy Pachter; Sanaye (pron Se-NIE); Savannah; Susi Ryan; Philip Tesorero; Tina; Tristan; Vivien; Claire Walker; Ralph Walker; and Don Webb.

We remember also Military Families and Military Chaplaincies.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's Chapel at St. Mark's School in Southborough; St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury; St. Peter's Church in Weston; The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild & all Altar Guilds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church in Wales.

Remembrances: In loving memory of Hugh M. Carney and Sydney Shaw by Christine Carney; and in loving memory of Wilson Edison Wilcox by David Wilcox.

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered God's people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:
For our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; our bishops Alan Gates and Carol Gallagher; for our priest Diane; our Deacon Dawn, and all other ministers;
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those to be baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:
That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.
Risen Lord,
Hear our Prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

(These prayers are adapted from a version used by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL in 2006.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory: "Rock of Ages"

#685 in 1982 Hymnal

Doxology #380, v. 3: (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.)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

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

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:

S130 in 1982 Hymnal

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you

sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 in 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, according to his command, O loving God,

All:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with (_____) and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to pray:

All:

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.*

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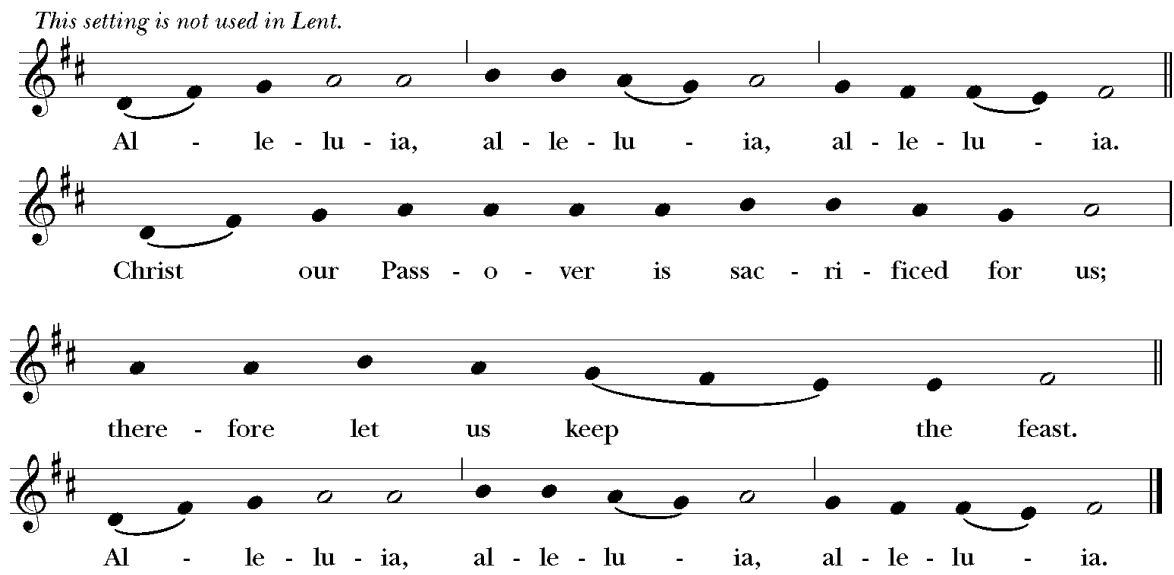
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem:

S154 in 1982 Hymnal

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

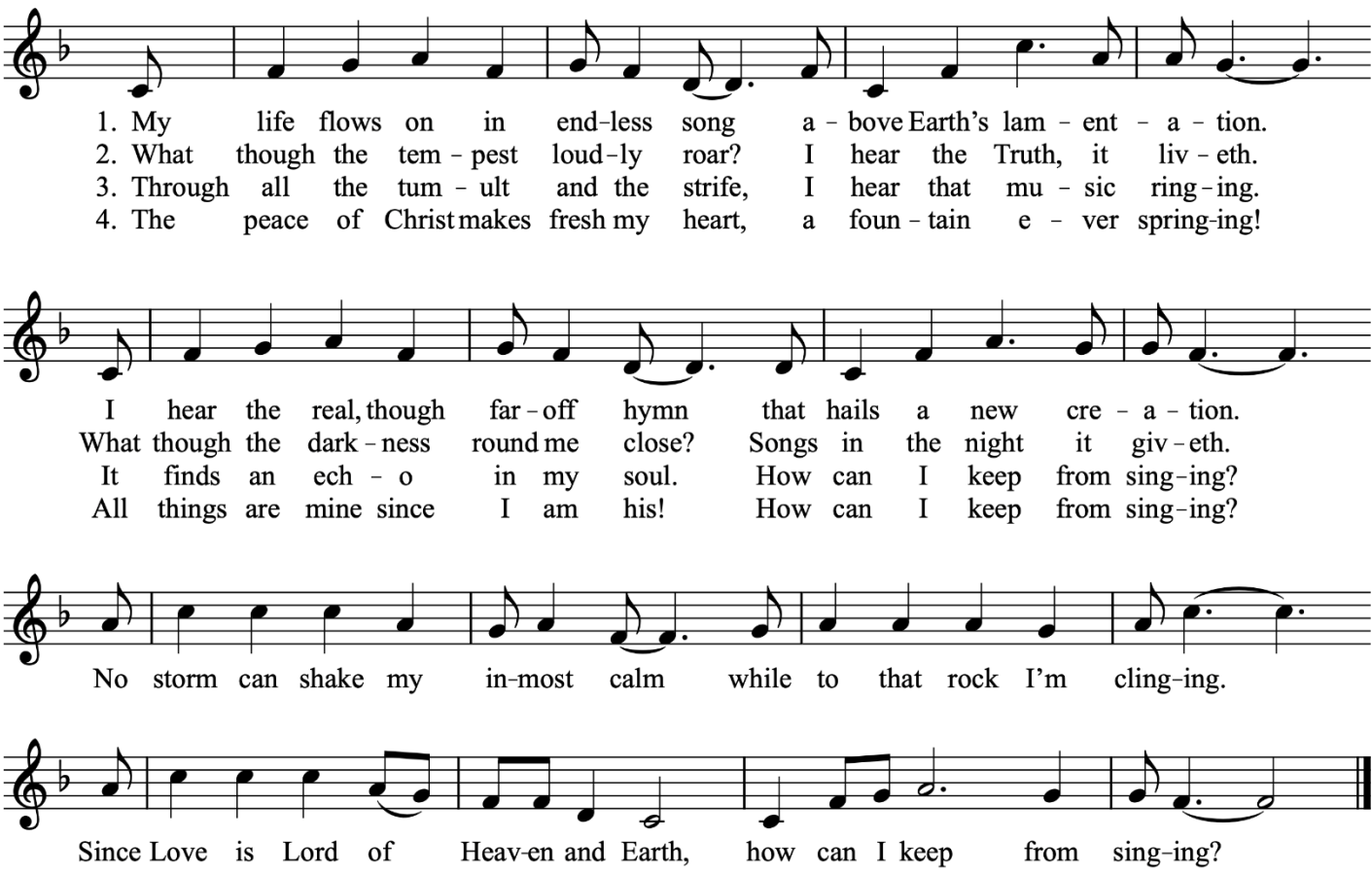
there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: (Communion Invitation) The gifts of God for the people of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion: (All are welcome at God’s Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please stand with your arms crossed. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Please let the clergy know if you need them.)

Communion Hymn: “How Can I Keep From Singing”



1. My life flows on in end-less song a - bove Earth’s lam - ent - a - tion.
2. What though the tem - pest loud-ly roar? I hear the Truth, it liv - eth.
3. Through all the tum - ult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain e - ver spring - ing!

I hear the real, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
What though the dark - ness round me close? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that rock I’m cling - ing.

Since Love is Lord of Heav-en and Earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Words: American poem signed Pauline T., 1868, alt.
Music: “How Can I Keep from Singing,” Robert Lowry

Communion Prayer for People on Zoom

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand.)*

All: 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.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* **#690 in 1982 Hymnal**

Dismissal

Postlude

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: Christine Carney & Sasha Killewald

Crucifer/LEM: Phil Killewald

Choir: St. John’s Choir

Altar Guild: Phil Killewald & Dorothy Mallam

Ushers/Greeters: Dorothy Mallam & Sasha Killewald

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR MISSION: We share the good news of God’s love to all who worship with us, through fellowship with our neighbors, and through our service in partnership with the greater community.

OUR VISION: We seek to always grow in our understanding of God’s plan for us as individuals, families, and as a Christian community. Together we will deepen our capacity to serve, to respond to God’s call, and to grow our collective ability to be stewards of God’s gifts.

MUSIC: The music for the day is listed in this booklet. Hymns are found in the 1982 Hymnal and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing). On the hymn board, blue next to the numbers indicates the 1982 Hymnal; red indicates LEVAS; and green indicates Wonder Love and Praise – usually there is an insert for that.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome in our worship services! Church School is available during the 10 a.m. service in the church school room downstairs.

COMMUNION: Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. Both communion wine & juice are offered. If you desire to be baptized, or have questions about baptism, please see the clergy following the worship service.

RESTROOMS: To access the restrooms from the Sanctuary, exit through the door to the left of the altar, turn to your right, and go downstairs. There is also a handicap-accessible restroom on the same level as the Sanctuary, in the Library – exit through the door to the left of the altar, go through two sets of doors, and the restroom is straight ahead of you on the left.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO GATHER FOR WORSHIP TODAY: If you are visiting, please sign our guest book. We would love to get to know you a little better. Please join us after the worship service for refreshments and hospitality. If you would like to know more about this congregation please feel free to

speak to the clergy, the Greeters/Ushers, or with any parishioners. In addition, there is printed material about the congregation at the rear of the Sanctuary.