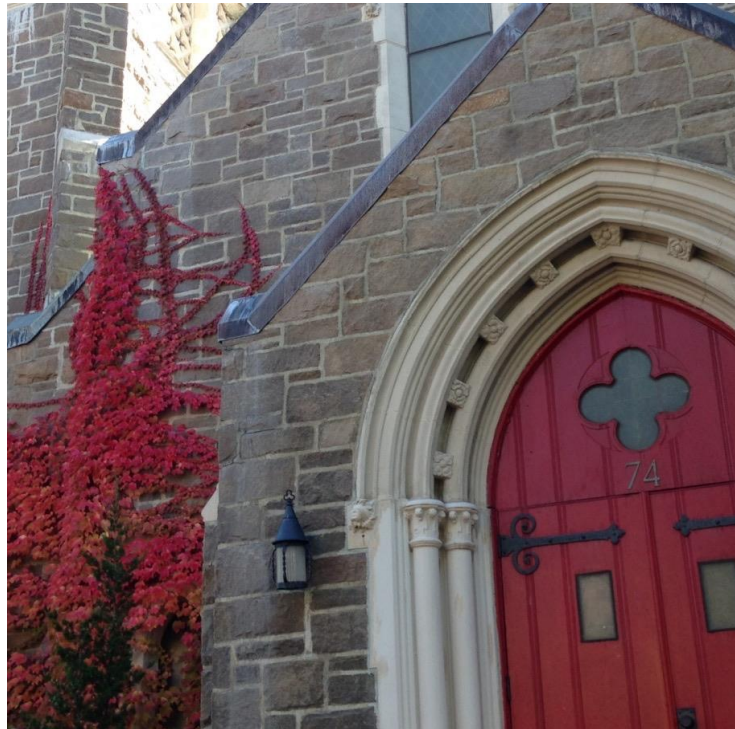


# St. John's Episcopal Church

74 Pleasant Street  
Arlington, Massachusetts

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023



## Sunday Worship Service

We welcome you to St. John's Church!

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### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Co-Warden:** Cate Barr (2024); **Co-Warden:** Christine Carney (2025)

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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: *“O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown”*

#292 in 1982 Hymnal

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

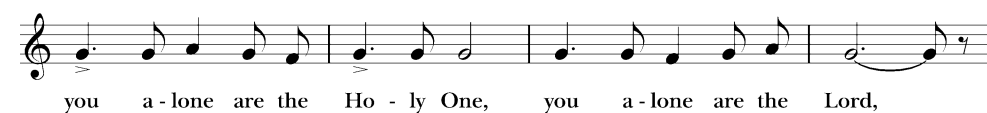
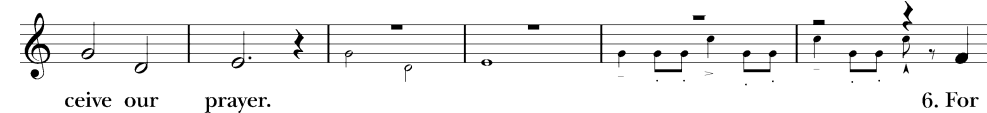
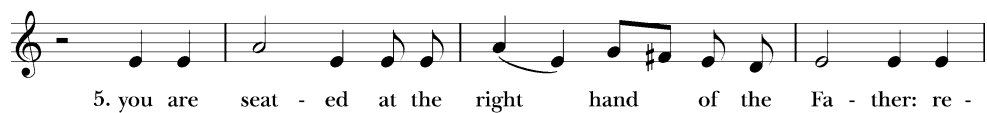
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

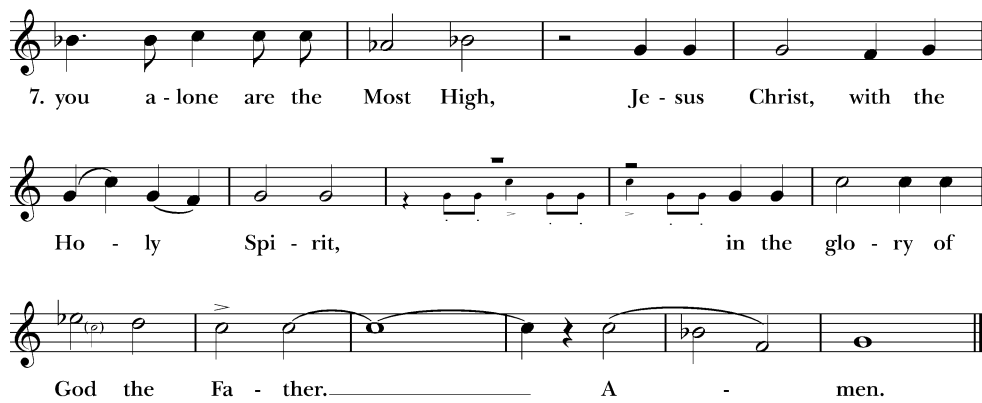
**Collect for Purity:**

**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 the Day:

**All:** 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.*

## Readings

### The First Lesson: Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

### **The Epistle: 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**#460 in 1982 Hymnal**

*(Sing vs. 1-3 before the reading and vs. 4&5 after the reading.)*

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

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

### **The Gospel: John 17: 1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

***Celebrant:*** The Gospel of Christ.  
***People:*** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

***Rev. Diane Wong***

### **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 Capaldi; 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:** Grace Church in Lawrence; Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; St. Anne's Church in Lowell; St. John's Church in Lowell; Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders; Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**Remembrances:** In loving memory of Dr. Mark and Emily Rogers by Frank Foster.

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: "Christ is Alive"**

**#182 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 A**

**BCP p. 361**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)*

**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.

***the Celebrant continues:*** Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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, Almighty God, 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 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:

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 Fraction**

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

***People:*** Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia.

**Fraction Anthem:**

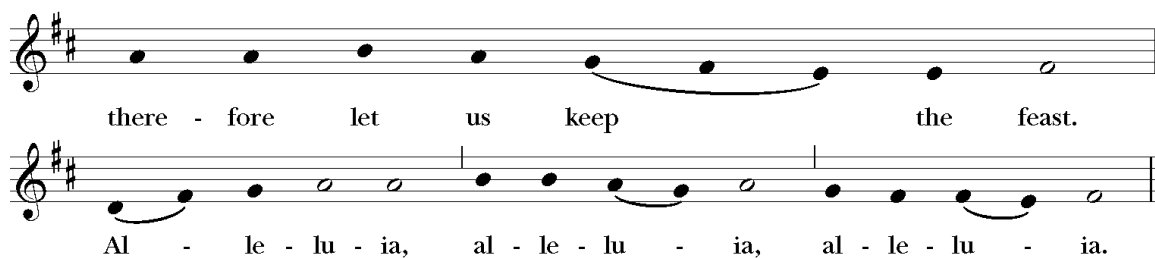
**S154 in 1982 Hymnal**

*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;





**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: “For the Beauty of the Earth”** **#416 in 1982 Hymnal**

### 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.*

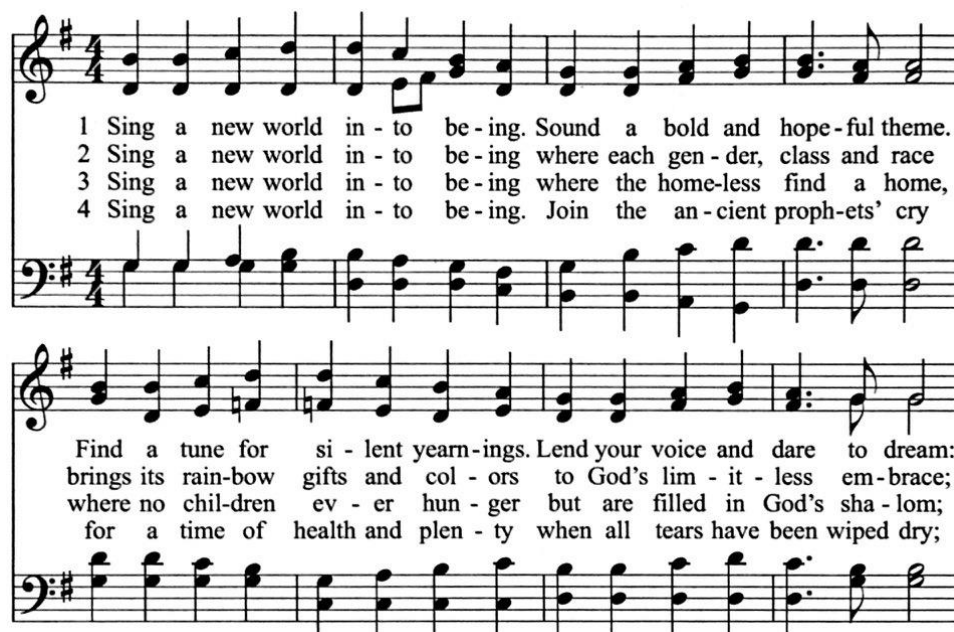
### Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand.)*

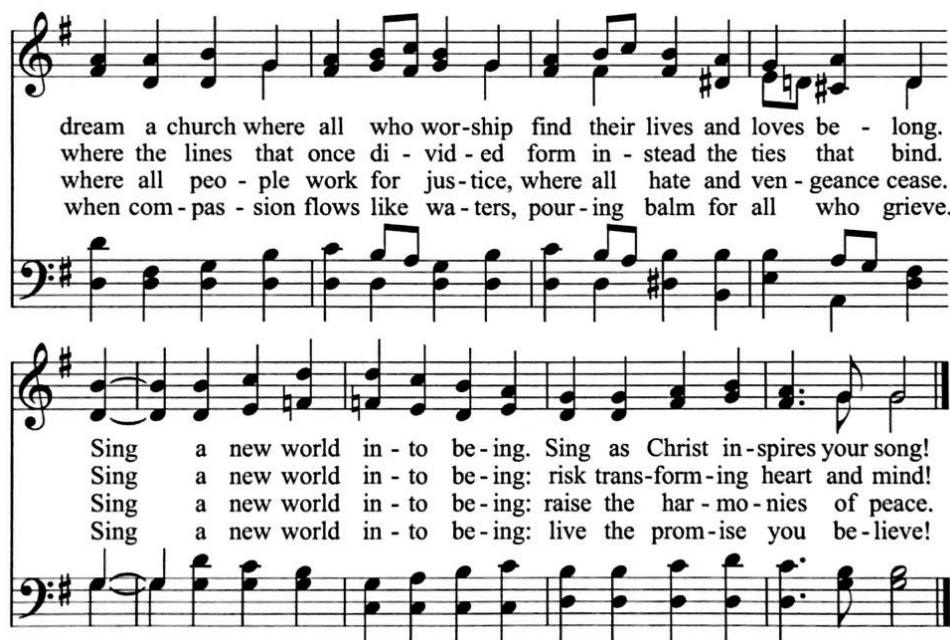
**All:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, 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: “Sing A New World into Being”** words by Mary Louise Bringle, © 2006; music by Ludwig van Beethoven





dream a church where all who wor-ship find their lives and loves be - long.  
 where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that bind.  
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and ven - geance cease.  
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**Lectors: Sasha Killewald & Cate Barr**

**Crucifer/LEM: Sasha Killewald**

**Choir: St. John’s Choir**

**Altar Guild: Mary Jo Larson and Frank Foster**

**Usher/Greeter: Cate Barr**

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**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.