



## St. John's Episcopal Church

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

May 22, A.D. 2022

**Welcome to worship!** We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

**If you are a visitor,** please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

**We invite newcomers** to fill out a visitor's card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

**Due to the ongoing pandemic,** some people will be wearing masks, but they are not required at this time when gathering indoors in large groups. Please be mindful of those whose health conditions or concerns may require the use of masks and social distancing.

**If you have young children,** please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. The nursery is closed at this time.

**Hearing assistance devices** are also located at the rear exit of the church. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Audio-induction hearing loops are available for use with hearing aids.

## 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### The Word of God

Organ Voluntary  
Hymn 405

*Trumpet in D major*  
*All things bright and beautiful*

John Stanley  
Royal Oak

Easter Acclamation and Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* (Wyton metrical setting, *WLP*, Hymn 880)

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Refrain



1. God's Pas-chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Ad-am's

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joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we  
more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through him we die to  
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

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share the bread of truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. 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.**

**Anthem**

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep*

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Unto all who lose their way hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. —Based on *John 21:15-17*  
St. Nicholas' Training Choir

**First Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15**

NRSV

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.

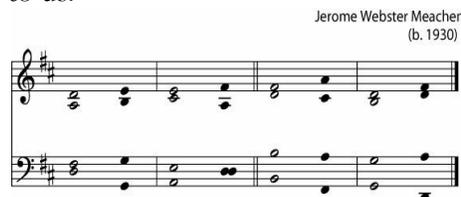
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual: Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur***

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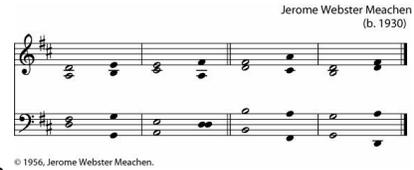
- 1 May God be merciful to us and /bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and /come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon /earth, \*  
your saving health among all /nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O /God; \*  
let all the peoples /praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing 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.



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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.



New Testament Lesson: The Revelation to John 21:10, 22-22:5

NRSV

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Hymn 374

*Come, let us join our cheerful songs* Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

NRSV

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice

that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd

The Nicene Creed

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**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. 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.**

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Sam and Anne, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence      The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence      The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence      The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.      *Silence may be kept. The people kneel.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

The Peace

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)*

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* celebrate(s) another year. Grant that *they* may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(8:45) Children's Sermon

## The Holy Communion

(8:45) Offertory Anthem      *This is the feast of victory for our God*  
Text of Hymn 417

Richard Hillert

(11:15) Offertory Anthem *Peace I leave with you* Alan MacMillan  
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let  
not your heart be troubled. Alleluia. Amen. —*John 14:27, King James Version*

Hymn 187 *Through the Red Sea brought at last, Alleluia!* Straf mich nicht

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A *The people stand.* Page 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

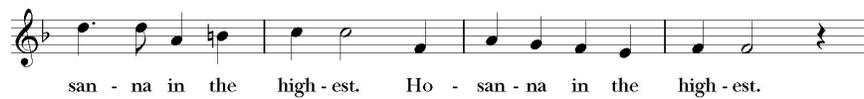
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*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 . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father, . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, . . . now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Page 364  
**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.**

Fraction anthem: Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Mode 6; adapted by Mason Martens, Hymnal S-171)

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,  
 is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
 for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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### Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand or kneel to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may arise, or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the priest to dip the wafer in the wine, please join your thumb and index finger, and he will place the wafer between your fingers. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest.*

## Communion Hymns

Hymn 292	<i>O Jesus crowned with all renown</i>	Kingsfold
Hymn 398	<i>I sing the almighty power of God</i>	Forest Green
Hymn 178	<i>Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord</i>	Alleluia No. 1

## Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

*When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread and wine using these words:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

## Postcommunion Prayer

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**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 Celebrant may bless the people.*

Hymn 535	<i>Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim</i>	Paderborn
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The Easter Dismissal: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary	<i>Trumpet in D major</i>	Jeremiah Clarke
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**Looking ahead to the Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day, May 29**  
Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation to John 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

## PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!

**The Summer Schedule** begins next Sunday, May 29, with celebrations of the Holy Eucharist offered each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day.

**Sundae Sunday**, today in the parish hall, 10:00 a.m.

**Youth on the Jr. EYC beach trip** return this afternoon.

**Summer Choir** begins June 12. Every Sunday through Labor Day singers ages 8-88+ are invited to sing in the summer choir. Rehearsal begins at 9:15 a.m. to prepare hymns and an easy anthem for the 10:00 a.m. service. There's no weekday rehearsal or long-term commitment. Come join us!

**Hagar's Basket!** We welcomed 91 families last month to our drive-through pantry. Your kind donations of **wipes, detergent, toilet tissue, deodorant, diapers, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap and feminine hygiene pads** are greatly appreciated! Sign up to help at [shorturl.at/fmwB7](http://shorturl.at/fmwB7) **As God provides for us, we joyfully provide for others!**

**Centering Prayer** meets via Zoom each Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Contact Fr. Brad for details. The Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

**Lectio Divina** Bible study meets via Zoom each Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. For details contact Fr. Brad. The Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

**Vacation Bible School** "Discovery on Adventure Island" will be June 20-24. Register participants (rising 4-year-olds to 6th grade) and teen helpers now at [stje.org/vbs](http://stje.org/vbs) Adult volunteers, contact Matt.

**Parish retreat at Kanuga**, September 9-11. See [stje.org/parish-retreat](http://stje.org/parish-retreat) for more information and to register today! (Cost doubles August 9!)

**Deacon Wendy Merrill** is in the office Tuesday-Wednesday, 5:30-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. She's a chaplain intern at Mercy Hospital and is happy to visit you or a loved one if requested. Contact 704-366-3034, x118

**In case of emergency Heart-start Defibrillators** are available in the hallway between the Children's Chapel and the kitchen and behind the door under the balcony in the Nave. Instructions are printed inside the box.

**The Good Samaritan Fund** provides financial assistance to members of the St. John's family. To make a donation to help others, note "Good

Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of a check to St. John's.

**If you would like to donate a prayer book or hymnal** for use in the nave in honor of or in memory of someone, the cost is \$25. If a book become worn, the bookplate noting in whose honor or memory a book was given is moved to a new prayer book or hymnal so that your gift is carried forward.

**Let Us Pray** - The Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray for you! Fill out a prayer card from the church pews All requests are confidential. New team members are always welcome.

**Would you like to help people in and fleeing Ukraine? Here are links to some top charities:**

Episcopal Relief and Development: [episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/](http://episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/)  
UNICEF: [help.unicef.org/ukraine-emergency](http://help.unicef.org/ukraine-emergency)

Doctors without Borders (MSF): [doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine](http://doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine)

**Lost and Found** is located downstairs across from the reception desk under the name tags.

### How to Receive Communion During Covid:

To receive bread only:  
(To receive a gluten-free wafer,  
ask the priest). Then arise, or  
wait to drink from the chalice



To receive bread and wine  
by intinction:  
*The host is slightly dipped in wine by  
the priest.*



To receive a blessing only



If you would like to contribute digitally  
to the general offering,  
just scan the QR code below  
with your smart phone.



You may also pay from our web site or mail a  
check to the church office.

### Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector  
The Rev. Richard J. Clark, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

### Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster  
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist  
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs  
Ms. Madeline Seconi, Soprano Section Leader  
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime  
Mr. Jamey Graves, Associate for Technology and Music

### Vestry

Shirley de la Canal, Merrill Gowdy, John Horn (Senior Warden), Will Jetton,  
Erin Lyman, Sarah Morgan, John Patrick, Erin Richardson, Toni Robinson,  
Elizabeth Sigmon (Junior Warden), Jen Walker (Clerk), Clayton Watkins



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