



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PARISH DAY SCHOOL**

The Third Sunday of Easter

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
5:00 P.M. • HISTORIC CHURCH**

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 (*All pray together.*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE READING

1 Peter 1:36-41

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

² **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

¹⁰ **How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴ **O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶ **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL

John 24:13-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the

tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Michael Looney, *Transitional Deacon*

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Please remain standing as you are able.*)

After each petition,

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Your love for us is a magnificent gift, unearned and undeserved. Lead us to grow in our appreciation and help us to reflect that love into the world around us that we might work, hand in hand, in building the kingdom of God all around us with Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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:

**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.

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 Ancient 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, 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 Father, now and for ever.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *(A silence is held.)*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: God Welcomes You to the Table

*This is Christ's Table, and God welcomes us all to be fed and blessed here. All those baptized, regardless of church tradition/denomination, background, or age are invited to receive Communion as members of the Body of Christ. Please let the clergy know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you are not yet baptized, or wish to receive a Blessing instead of Communion, please cross your hands across your chest and the minister will affirm God's blessing on you. **If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know so that the clergy may come to you.** If you are interested in exploring more of what baptism could mean for you, please speak to Rev. Derek, our Rector, and he would LOVE to talk about baptism with you!*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you to those who are homebound, that they may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

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

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ADULT
CONNEX** 
Sunday Faith Forums

**10:10-10:50 a.m.
Auditorium**

TOMORROW:

“Biblical Language for a God Who Transcends Gender”

How do you picture God? Does God have a gender in your mental image? Does the Bible assign God a gender? Do our worship practices? Does it matter to you? Do different generations have different takes on these questions? Come watch and discuss distinguished biblical interpreter Dr. Wil Gafney's TheoEd talk on “Biblical Language for a God Who Transcends Gender.” Can't make it? Find the link to the TheoTalk in Friday's *Blessings*.

SAVE THE DATE: SUN., APRIL 26TH: St. John's Budget & Stewardship Update

Join Rev. Derek and the Financial Stewardship Committee for a discussion of the parish's finances. We will review the 2026 budget and discuss the vision and plan for the future.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andy, Deb Avant, Tracey Ball, Steve Belknap, Emma Brandon, Teddy Clarke, Patty DeSa, Lynn Engelke, David Fischel, Georgi Funderburk, Peter G., Anne Gallagher, The Rev. Mo Goff, Sunny Good, Allison Gradwell, Marti Guillet, Jack Heim, Pat Hersee, Leonora Hoenes, Naomi Hutcherson, Nancy Jaworski, Albert Jung, Carol Kiesler, The Kiesler Family, Haeng-Shik Kim, Judi LeBlanc, Angela Lim, Christina Lim, Glenda Lovchik, Matthew Martin, Brent & Meg McDorman, Jimmy McEneaney, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Phyllis Nelson, Kathy O'Dunne, Yvonne Osmond, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Ellen Sloyer, Ernest & Amy Stalder, Tricia Supik, Christopher Towle, Marion Walker, Alli Ward, and Dylan Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: The Rev. Shawn Brandon; The Rev. Bruce Freeman

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS & THEIR FAMILIES:

LCDR Matthew Kircher, USN; Airman First Class Holden Veeck, USAF

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Nancy and Henry Miller in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

THE BIRTH CANDLE IS LIT in thanksgiving for the birth of Elliott Sabina Sachs, granddaughter of Hal & Amy Sachs.

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.**

SUN., MAY 3RD
All Saints Hall



ONE WORSHIP
9:00 AM

FOLLOWED BY OUR
ANNUAL MEETING

All are invited to celebrate this past year and our annual awards winners. Voting-eligible members will elect new Vestry members and Lay Delegates to the 2026 Diocesan Convention.



Review Nominees Bios
<https://bit.ly/VestryNominees26>

ST. JOHN'S MUSIC PRESENTS

Spring
SHOWCASE

SUNDAY • MAY 3 • 4:00 P.M.

The music program at St. John's is made up of many talented musicians. This showcase is a chance to see them present their talents in a concert of their own.

Free admission; Donations welcome

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly, Contemporary Worship, All Saints Hall

Sundays, 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church

(11:00 a.m. is livestreamed whenever possible on YouTube — <https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube>)

주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 *Resurrection* 채널에서 드립니다.

Find more worship information at <https://www.stjohnsec.org>

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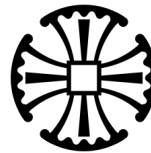
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