



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026
11:00 A.M. • HISTORIC CHURCH

THE WORD OF GOD

Music pages are indicated in blue and begin following page 7.

PRELUDE *No. 2 from 'Sixty Devotional Pieces'*

Paul Benoit

OPENING HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

(H 405) M-1

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *God's Paschal Lamb*

(W 880) M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

THE FIRST READING *(Please be seated.)*

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM HYMN *Come , All You People, Praise Our God (Psalm 66)*

M-3

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Come Down, O Love Divine* (vs. 1-2 before, vs. 3 after)

(H 516) **M-4**

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Celebrant will offer a concluding collect, to which the People respond 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Rhyosmedre*

St. John's Ringers

Douglas Wagner



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PRESENTATION HYMN *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (vs. 3)*

Gaudeamus partier

3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.

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:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.)*

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus* (S 171)


Martens

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.]

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!*

COMMUNION ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

St. John's Choir

If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you for ever; even the spirit of truth. (John 14:15-17)

COMMUNION HYMN I *O Love of God*

(H 455) [M-5](#)

COMMUNION HYMN II *We Plow the Fields*

(H 291) [M-6](#)

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.

CLOSING HYMN *As Those of Old*

(H 705) **M-7**

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Cello Sonata No. 4*

Antonio Vivaldi



ONE
ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY
WORSHIP

Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 24, 2026
10:00 a.m., Historic Church

corrected time

There will be no other services or
formation classes this weekend
due to the holiday and our
Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont.



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



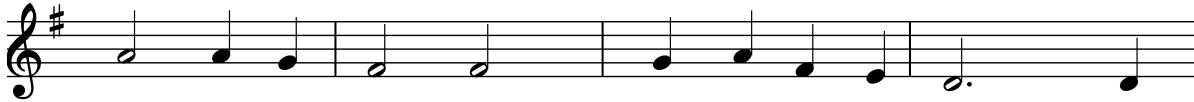
- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

HYMN OF PRAISE *God's Paschal Lamb*

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andy, Bob, Debbie, Katie, Laurie, Mark, Deb Avant, Tracey Ball, Steve Belknap, Emma Brandon, Amber Dawn Butler, Teddy Clarke, Patty DeSa, Lynn Engelke, Siobhan Faenza & Christopher, David Fischel, Anne Gallagher, The Rev. Mo Goff, Sunny Good, Allison Gradwell, Marti Guillet, Jack Heim, Pat Hersee, Leonora Hoenes, Naomi Hutcherson, Nancy Jaworski, Albert Jung, John Keimig, Carol Kiesler & Family, Haeng-Shik Kim, Andy Kramer, Angela Lim, Christina Lim, Glenda Lovchik, Matthew Martin, Brent & Meg McDorman, Jimmy McEneaney, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Phyllis Nelson, Patty O'Connor, Kathy O'Dunne, Yvonne Osmond, John T. Perrow, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Teresa Sinkovich, Ellen Sloyer, Ernest & Amy Stalder, Dan Staples, Tricia Supik, Christopher Towle, Marion Walker, Alli Ward, and Dylan Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Ann Stabler

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 Jamie, Mary, and Greg Louzan in loving memory of their beloved son and brother, Christian John Louzan.

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.

D G

1 Come, all you peo - ple, praise our God and tell his glo - rious
 2 We come with of - ferings to God's house, and here we pay the
 3 Come, lis - ten, all who fear the Lord, while I with grate - ful

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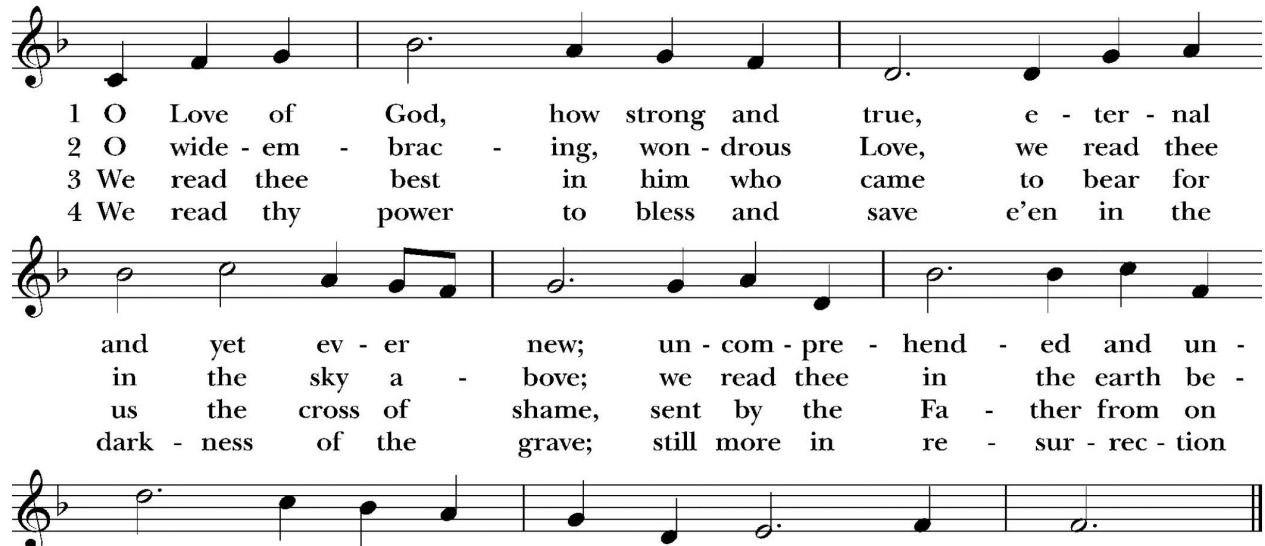
works a - broad, who holds our souls in life; who
 sol - emn vows we ut - tered in dis - tress; to
 heart re - cord what God has done for me; I

G/D D7

nev - er lets our feet be moved and, though our faith has
 him our all we ded - i - cate, to him we whol - ly
 cried to him in deep dis - tress, and now his won - drous

D/C G/B C G/D D G

of - ten proved, up - holds us in the strife.
 con - se - crate the lives his mer - cies bless.
 grace I bless, for he has set me free.



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.



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There is so much news to share at St. John's.
 If you aren't receiving our e-news, *Blessings*,
 each Friday, please sign up using this QR code.

COMMUNION HYMN II *We Plow the Fields*

(H 291) M-6
Wir pflugen

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Unison or harmony



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
 *2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and
 3 With grat-i-tude and humble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv-er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to-day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu-man-i-ty. O thou who gav-est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call-ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys-elf in Je-sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.



FRIDGE NOTES

Have you read the May "Fridge Notes"?
 Use the QR code to access it, so you don't miss a thing!





OUTREACH MEAL MINISTRY

Join us by:

- Making casseroles
- Donating food
- Serving meals at the Day Resource Center (4th Wed. of the month)

Find details, including recipes and sign-ups, at www.stjohnsec.org/outreach

Puerto Rico

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"Shares of Love"

With the purchase of a \$25 "share" to support the trip, you will receive:

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RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 12, 2026
9 A.M. - 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

JUNE 13, 2026
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!



NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Welcome!

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NEWCOMERS' GATHERING

Sun., June 14
12:00 p.m.
Auditorium



Meet members of our clergy, vestry, and parish community and learn more about St. John's.

RSVP to
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(or just show up!)

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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>)

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

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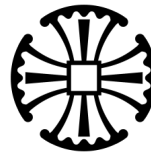
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