



St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

10 AM Rite 2 Holy Eucharist, Prayer D

Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

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Welcome to St. John's. All service music, hymns, and prayers can be found in either of our two hymnals and our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). If you get lost, no worries. It is all prayer! Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together with St. John's. We want to practice the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus, making it plain that "God thinks you are fabulous - and so do we." **Let us know on a visitor card if you are interested in membership or baptism**, and we will be in touch about the next steps. Please say hello, and come have some coffee after church in the Hospitality Suite after church. Take a look at our announcements insert for ongoing activities and please come and join us in our journey to be Christ-followers. **Children are the church.** We welcome all children (even when squirmy or noisy). Feel free to go back and forth to the "kids spot" in the lobby which is equipped with books, coloring pages, and stuffed animals. The noise is heavenly music to God's ears! If you feel uncomfortable with the noise, please take care of yourself. You are welcome to sit with your child in the Kids Spot and follow worship, or you can find comfy seats in the hospitality suite (hallway to the front left of the Church.) We will bring you communion wherever you are. **Restrooms** are through either of the doors at the front of the Church. Go down the hall (on the right) or across the hall (on the left) to the Hospitality Suite.

The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

PRELUDE: Diana Blosser, Guest Organist


PROCESSIONAL HYMN- *Christ is Made The Sure Foundation-* Hymnal 518

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

HYMN OF PRAISE- Arise, Shine for your Light Has Come- Verse 2 - Canticle 9


E B
E/G# A
E B
A

Voice 

A - rise shine for your light has come and the glor - y of God is on
you
A -

A - rise come to the
o - pen gates for the
fa - ther is wel - coming
you


5 E B E/G# A E B A



rise see when the earth grows dark that the lord will a - rise
up - on
- you
the

Fear not for the Lord brings peace and re - dem - tion to all
who be -
lieve
re -


9 E B A E A E A E



lord will a - rise
up - on
- you
Na - tions will come to your light
lift up your eyes and


dem - tion to all
who be -
lieve

14 B A E G#7 C#m E B




see we'll
ga - ther - to - ge - ther
and come to you and your love will be all
that we

18 A C#m B A




know
your love will be all
that we
know
The

21 E E/G# A E B




sun will not shine
cause you'll
be all the light
that we need
and

24 

vio - lence will
end
all the wars
that we
wage will
cease
We will

27 A B E A B E



glor - i - fy
your name
we will
glor - i - fy
your name.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 225

THE LESSONS

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The

commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

SEQUENCE HYMN

He is King of Kings **LEVAS 96**

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

All stand.

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. Pray for God's church.

Silence.

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, Joe, our governor, Brian, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence.

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. We pray today for all who are in any need or trouble.

We pray today for Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Peter Dykstra, The Tabussum Family, Patricia Babuka, Lally Stanton, Eliot and Mary Kyle, and Julian and Leslie McPhillips

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Silence.

We pray for those who have died - especially Maureen Sewell Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

THE PEACE BCP 360

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Jesus Our Mighty Lord- Hymnal 478*

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward to the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **Rite 2, Prayer D begins on BCP 372**

SURSUM CORDA S 120 *Lift up your hearts* (BCP p. 372)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

PROPER PREFACE **BCP 379**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER BCP 373

Sanctus *Celebrant and People*

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed 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 People stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer- BCP 373

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Invitation BCP 364

We share communion in both kinds, available by intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire intinction, hold the bread in your hand and the minister will instinct it for you and place it on your tongue. For a

blessing only, fold your arms. We also offer healing prayers and blessings from the priest. Simply remain at the rail after finishing communion and the priest will come and pray for you.

COMMUNION SONG *King of Glory* **Hymnal 382**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP 365**

BLESSING - *The Priest blesses the people*

POST COMMUNION HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* **LEVAS 62**

DISMISSAL **BCP 366**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for
Coffee Hour



**Immediately following church
go through the double doors to the left at the
front of the church to the Hospitality Suite**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY (May 5th) ALTAR MINISTRY TRAINING 1130-1230 If you are interested in serving behind the altar on Sundays (serving communion, verging, carrying the cross, etc), you are urged to attend this short training in which you will learn the basics for altar ministry. If you cannot attend this one, we will be having another one on June 1. For more information, contact Fr. Tim.

RITE ONE SERVICE IS MOVING TO THE THIRD SUNDAY STARTING IN JUNE It is our custom to have at least one monthly, Rite 1 service during the 10 AM worship. We will be moving it to the third Sunday from the first, primarily because we our guest organist is here most third and fourth Sundays each month. Contact Fr. Tim or Val Valverde with questions or feedback.

ST. JOHN'S IS VOLUNTEERING AT THE HISTORIC COLLEGE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BLOCK PARTY ON JUNE 1- Look to the weekly email for how to sign up to volunteer. We want to be a visible and helpful presence in order that we might better serve our community. Please sign up for a volunteer shift on June 1 if available.

PENTECOST "MASS ON THE GRASS" AND PICNIC MAY 19- Since Easter was early, so is Pentecost! We will have our annual outdoor service and picnic celebrating Pentecost, AKA "The Birthday of the Church." Save the date and look for more information about food and helping with the day soon.

GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY - JUNE 15, 4-7 PM We are throwing a party and everyone (in our neighborhood and Church) is invited. Plan on coming to meet your neighbors around St. John's, enjoy some good food, music and fun and help St. John's become a "Neighborhood Church."

Wednesday Night Supper is on Hiatus until August - We have so enjoyed dinner this year along with our CP Kids' Choir Families. WNS is on a break until choir resumes in the Fall.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

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