



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 +Holy Eucharist+ Rite 1, Prayer II

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. We hope you will experience worship with your whole being. Your presence, however, is all that is required for you to be in prayer and worship with us on this Lord's Day. There are no "mistakes" in worshipping God. The bulletin is designed with you in mind, and most rubrics (directions) are in italics. If you find you're out of sync with whatever is going on, do not worry. It is all prayer. **Please fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and invite you into life together** at St. John's. We want to be known as a place that practices the radical kindness and hospitality of Jesus and where it is apparent 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 next steps. Please say hello, and come have some coffee in the Hospitality Suite after church. Take a look at our announcements for ongoing activities, and please come and join us on our journey as Christ-followers. **Children are always welcome.** We even have a "kids' spot" in the lobby with books, coloring pages, and stuffed animals. The noise does not bother anyone. If you feel uncomfortable, you can sit with your child in the Kids Spot or find comfy seats in the hospitality suite.

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. Blessings and Peace!

Processional Hymn- We're Marching to Zion- LEVAS 12

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen. .

Congregation: *The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

The Collect for Purity BCP 323

Song of Praise- Arise Shine

Voice

A - riseshine for your light has come and the glor - y of God is on you A -
A - rise come to the o - pengates for the fa - ther is wel - coming you

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 -

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

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

know your love will be all that we know The

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

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And with thy Spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day BCP 174

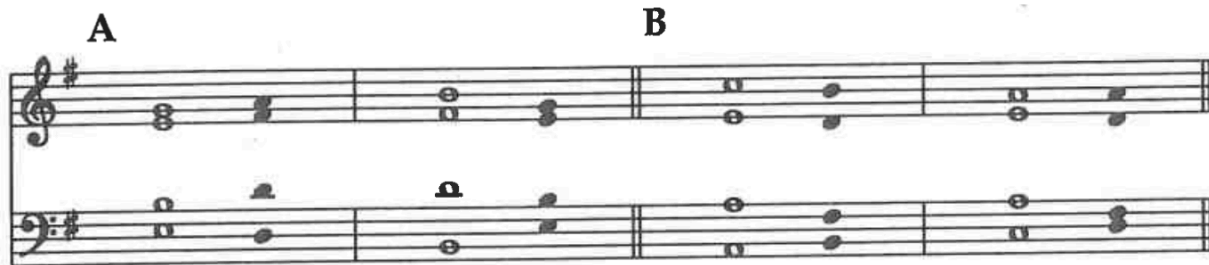
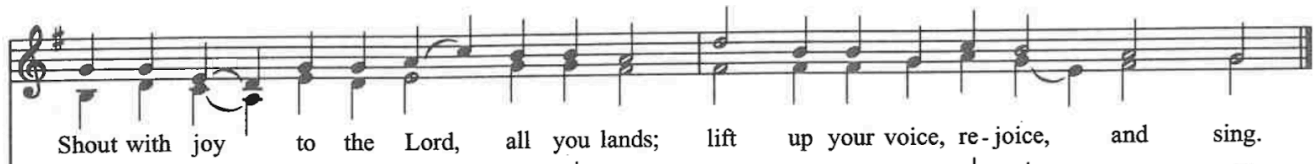
The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader : The Word of the Lord. **Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



1. Sing to the Lord a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm,*
has he won for himself the victory. [ANT]
3. The Lord has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he open shown
in the sight of the nations.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God. [ANT]
- A** 5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- A** 6. Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and voice of song.
- B** 7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord. [ANT]
- A** 8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- A** 9. Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- B** In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the peoples with equity. [ANT]

1 John 5:1-6

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader : The Word of the Lord. **Congregation:** *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand, as able, for the hymn and Gospel reading.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Holy Spirit Ever Living*- Hymnal 511

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

Congregation: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said to his disciples,] 9“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

THE HOMILY- The Rev. Tim Black

The congregation stands for the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

Remain standing or kneel for the Prayers of the People.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and

grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord Jesus, hear us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord Jesus, hear us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord Jesus, hear us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our president, Brian our governor and Bianca, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord Jesus, hear us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor 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

The congregation is invited to add their petitions.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Maureen Sewell and Lois Henson, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions.

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good God's so good to me (3X)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is split between the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is also split. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and People respectively. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

Prayer 1, Form II BCP 340

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *The celebrant continues until :* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

We will sing the starting pitch, and the congregation sings, accompanied by the shruti box.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has the lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff has the lyrics: 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a shruti box accompaniment.

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on BCP 341

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

People and Celebrant

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed

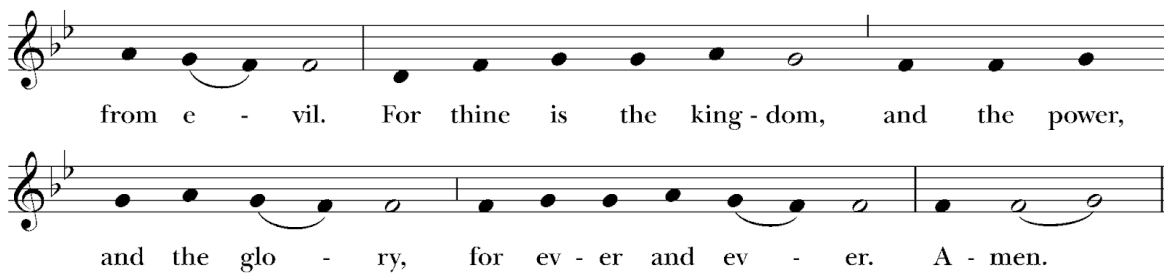
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,

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



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS: *We share communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or drinking from the common cup. Hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine, or put your hands in a prayer position for a blessing. For healing prayers, simply remain at the rail after receiving and we will pray for you. If you cannot come to the rail, a Eucharistic Minister will bring communion to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN- *One Bread, One Body* **LEVAS 151**

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Post-Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant blesses the people with the Seasonal Blessing for Easter

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.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing-* **Hymnal 344**

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia

People: *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

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



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PSALMS

Wednesdays ONLINE 630-730

During Easter and Ordinary Time we are Reading, Praying and Studying The Psalms.

Collected within these beautiful poems is the entire range of human experience. By learning how to read them we can enter into their beauty more authentically and deeply.

(room ID: 846-4584-1672 password: 3480) Wednesdays at 630 PM. *Our resources will be: Psalms: The Prayerbook of the Bible by Bonhoeffer and Creach- Interpretation Bible Studies: Psalms. All are available online via your favorite booksellers.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR MINISTRY TRAINING 1130-1230 TODAY 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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Give by Texting- Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480. You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections.

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