

Families with young children

Interactive worship bags for children are available in the Narthex (church lobby). Nursery care, age 5 and under, is also offered in the Parish Hall, with drop-off between 9:00 and 9:45 AM. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.

Prelude

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Setting by Paul Manz

9:30 AM — All stand as able at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)
#473, The Hymnal 1982

Lift high the cross

Words: George W. Kitchin
Music: Crucifer

Refrain: **Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.**

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant

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 in excelsis

S-278, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by William Mathias

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (read responsively by whole verse)

p. 759, Book of Common Prayer

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my sup plication, *
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 Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 1:17-23

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.

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

The Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)
#178, **The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Words: Donald Fishel
Music: Alleluia No. 1

- Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!**
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.
- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. **[Refrain]**
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **[Refrain]**
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. **[Refrain]**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence hymn continued.

- 4 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior
- Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!**
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**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 (The Leader and People pray responsively)

Leader As members of Christ's Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

For the holy Church of God,

That it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer, our own Bishops, and for all the holy people of God,

That in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,

That they may receive the light of the Gospel.

For the peace of the world,

That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,

That the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

For those in positions of public trust,

That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

For this congregation,

That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended,

That we may stand reconciled before you.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially; **Caroline, Wally, Alice**, including those you would name here;

Silence

for our many blessings including those you would name here;

Silence

and for our families, friends, and neighbors,

That they we may live in joy, peace, and health.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Walter Kwiatek, Reid Calhoun, Jane Alexander, Katharine Ferguson, Carmen Bovell, Vivian Jones, Patti Davis, and Betty Bland. (*You may speak additional names aloud or in silence*).

For all those who have died in the communion of your Church including those you would name here;

Silence

That, with all the saints,

they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. John and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to you,

For you, O Christ, are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Celebrant Let us say together the Prayer for Transition (*Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher*)

People Ever-present and Holy God, as you continue to invite new people into St. John's, we ask your ongoing guidance and blessing upon us, that we may always become more fully the people and congregation you would have us to be. Keep our hearts deeply grounded in your divine love, that we may grow in steadfast love and gentleness for one another. Inspire our leadership with wisdom and creativity to navigate the ongoing changes that lay before us. In this season of transition, we particularly pray for our Sr. Warden Camille, vestry, staff, search committee, our Interim Rector, Rev. Stephanie, and our eventual new rector. Fill all of us with courage, kindness, and patience as we walk the Way of Love with one another and with the broader diverse community around us. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who lives and reigns in each of us every day. Amen.

Celebrant

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

The altar flowers are given today by Sue Griffin, in memory of Michael Griffin.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

King of Glory, King of Peace

Text by George Herbert/Music by David Charles Walker/Setting by Robert Brewer

CANTATE

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;
And the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.*

*Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.*

All stand in body or spirit for

The Doxology

(7:45 AM—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 AM—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Great Thanksgiving

p. 367 Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus—holy, holy, holy (7:45 spoken, 9:30 sung)

S-128 (*front of hymnal*)

Setting by William Matthias

**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.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

The Celebrant continues.

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. ...

...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. **Amen.**

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

All **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.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

At 9:30 AM, sung

S-155 (front of Hymnal 1982), **Christ our Passover**
Setting by Gerald R. Near

At 7:45 AM, spoken

Celebrant Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#69, Lift Every Voice and Sing

I come to the garden alone

Words & Music: C. Austin Miles

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. **[Refrain]**

Refrain: And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. **[Refrain]**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) **All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the hymn. The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.**

**The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#174, The Hymnal 1982**

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

Words: Latin, 1632;
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
Music: Salzburg

1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from on high,
hell’s fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin’s power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

The strife is o’er, the battle done

Setting by Diane Bish

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