

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist

8am & 10:30am

[Livestream: 10:30]

*Join us for fellowship
following both services*

Nursery 9:00 – 12:00

Children's Chapel 10:15



St. John's Episcopal Church

Children's Sunday School

9:30-10:15

Upstairs: Godly Play (pre-K – 1st grade); Primary (2-3rd grade);

Intermediate (4-5th grade)

Library: Middle School (6-8th grade)

Easter 5

April 28th, 2024

Fledglings 4:00- 6:00 pm

Youth Group 5:00 – 7:00

(Dinner is provided)

Tuesdays

Eucharist 10am

(Chapel of the Beloved Disciple)

Followed by Bible Study

Wednesdays

Eucharist 6pm

(Chapel of the Beloved Disciple)

7pm Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

Bible Study (Commons)

9:30-10:30

1st Wed of Month

Memorial Service

(Chapel of the
Resurrection)

Church Office

Mon 10-2

Tues-Thurs 10-3

If you are visiting with us today, welcome! You are encouraged to sign the welcome card in the pew and place the card in the offertory basin during the offertory or give it to an usher. Members may use this card to update contact information. Children of all ages are welcome at the worship service. Nursery care is available at the 10:30 service.

The red book in each pew is the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*. The 8:00 service begins on page 323, while the 10:30 service begins on page 355.

Following the 8am service, please join us for conversation time in the Commons. Following the 10:30am Service please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

May our hearts be open to God and those around us. Please enter into quiet prayer as you prepare for worship, and ask that we might recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE WORD OF GOD

Procession

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Collect for Purity *BCP 323*
Summary of Commandments *BCP 324*
Trisagion
Collect of the Day *BCP 325*

Lessons *printed on the bulletin insert—*
Lectionary Year B

The Sermon *Father Dwight Helt*
The Nicene Creed *BCP 327*
Prayers of the People *BCP 328*
Confession of Sin *BCP 331*
The Peace *Greet one another in the name of Christ. BCP 332*

Welcome, Announcements, Birthday Prayer, & Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Offertory

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II *BCP 340*
Sanctus *BCP 341*
Lord's Prayer *BCP 336*
Breaking of Bread *BCP 337*
Invitation & Communion of the People *BCP 338*

Blessing

Dismissal

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

Voluntary I in E Major

William Walond

Hymn 379

God is love, let heaven adore him

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

Collect for Purity

Trisagion S100

Collect of the Day

Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30 *Sung by the choir*

Epistle 1 John 4:7-21

Hymn 512

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Gospel John 15:1-8

The Sermon

Father Dwight Helt

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace *Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

BCP 360

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HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

Doxology

Pew Card

Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP 367

Sanctus S124

Lord's Prayer

BCP 365

Breaking of Bread

BCP 364

Christ Our Passover S154

Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Dismissal

Voluntary

Grand Choer

Theodore Salome

Thank you to this Sunday's Liturgical Servers

8:00 Service

Chalice: Tracy Spurgeon

10:30 Service


Reader: Aaron Head

Chalice: John & Lindy Ritz

P.O.P. : Rob Phillips

Thank you Melody Rowlett, for volunteering for this Sunday's Cookie Ministry

*Altar flowers given to the glory of God by
Mike Muncy & Elizabeth Ryan,
In memory of Elois Muncy*



Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as her days increase; Bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; Comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; Raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go, especially, Kattee, Skip, & Susan may share with us in the body & blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are One body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

If you would like to receive communion at your pew, please let an usher know.

V E S T R Y

Senior Warden- John Ritz

Junior Warden- Robert Finley

Mike Abl, James Beard, Alison Braly, Melissa Busby, Sarah Flanagan, John Harris, Susie Laird, Jona Kay Steed, Greg Taylor,
Clerk- John Hockett

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Welcome back Rev. Dwight Helt!
We are pleased you are here with us while our Interim Rector is out of town with family this Sunday.



*We are delighted to welcome **Christopher Pharo** as our new Organist & Choirmaster. Check out the May Evangel for information about him!*

Highlights from the Vestry's April Meeting

- A link to the Summary Report of St. John's Listening Sessions link is available here:
<https://www.episcopalnorman.org/Sessions>
or scan the QR Code on the right.
- The St. John's Profile Committee continues to work diligently and hopes to release the New Rector Search profile before the end of the month.
- The vestry began the conversation about changing the bylaws for voting for vestry elections to streamline the selection and voting process for our Annual Meeting.



Coming Soon...

TODAY - Welcome, Supply Priest, Fr. Dwight Helt!

5/5 - Honor Sunday

5/11 - Flower Making Project

5/12 - Mother's Day honored at church

5/19 - Pentecost with special preacher, Julia Ayala Harris, PoHD

Last day of Sunday School

Fly Up at 4:30, Andrews Park

7/15 - 7/19 - VBS, "Birds of the Air & Lilies of the Field"

Prayers of the People

Those who are Ill or Recovering: *Chase, Kathy, Amelia, Sidney, Fr. Jack, Emma, Shannan, Betsy, Vicki, David, Leo, Fr. Chris, Pra-Kash, Lilie, Ron, Susan, Gene, Fr. John, Charlotte, Carolyn, Matt, Tiffany, Cecil, Bruce, Rose, Donna*

Those who are serving in the Armed Forces: *Brock, Nathan, Ben, Samuel, Lane, Bjorn, Riley, Brandon, Tyler, Brooklynn, Liam, Lawrence, Oscar, Stephen, Jeanna, Shaeffer, Dane, Kate, Noah, Emma*

Those who are in Need, Sorrow, Adversity, or any other Special Circumstance: *Theb, The Fletchers, Hunter, Erin, Linda, Carmen, Trinity, The Fletchers, Carmen, Linda, Lindsey, Daniel, Clois, Jonah, Craig, Celeste, Conly, Courtney*

Those who are Homebound or in Nursing Care: *Allen, Sibyl, Nancy, Rosalie, GG, LaVenla, Martha, April, Kay, Stuart, Christopher, Jan, Connie, Edith*

Thanksgiving: *Healing Mercies for Nathan, For the recent solar eclipse and other natural wonders of our universe, families, faithful and loving people at St. John's.*

Concerns: *Those suffering from war and famine in Gaza and elsewhere in the world*

Those who have Died: *Fred, Marlene, Tom, Marshall, Bob, Don*

Wednesday Night Eucharist & Evening Prayer

(6:00pm)

Feasts Days and Holy Days

May 1st

St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles

May 8th

Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople

CHOICES RELATED TO END OF LIFE MATTERS

Tools we will be using in this Eastertide Series: 5 Wishes (A program of Aging with Dignity) and “Funeral Planning Guide.” Leaders for this series will be Mother Nancee, Cathy Wilson, Shannon Conley, and Merrie Beard.

FIVE WISHES[®]

This 7 week series will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 in the Commons. Your RVSP is appreciated so we can purchase the 5 Wishes document.

- 28 April** My wish for how comfortable I want to be.
My wish for how I want people to treat me.
- 5 May** My wish for what I want loved ones to know.
Signing 5 Wishes and what to do after you complete
- 12 May** Planning one's memorial service/funeral
- 19 May** Musical Choices for one's memorial service/funeral
- 26 May** Planning one's memorial service/funeral at SJ
- 2 June** Reception for one's memorial service/funeral at SJ

We are particularly grateful for...

- *All who helped with the reception last week for Melody Palm:*
+for **Mary Carter**, **Shannon Conley**, and **Stephanie Alba** and all those who provided cookies and hospitality, and the lovely choir offerings at the celebration of Melody Palm's faithful service in Christ. Thanks to **Robert Finley** and **James Beard** for their clean-up efforts.
- For those who recently helped at Food and Shelter preparing a meal for the folks there earlier this month—**Mary Carter**, **Vicki** and **TZ Wright**, and **Kaisha Gabriel**, and with special thanks to **Andrea Marler** who leads this ministry.
- For those who assisted in the Memorial Service of Fred Greene—**Lindy** and **John Ritz** as liturgical servers, **Greg** and **Maclan** on altar guild, **Roshni Robert**, **Pam Brown**, **Kathleen Haynes**, **Barb Laufersweiler**, and **Merrie Beard** from Daughters of the King.
- The carpentry work of our **Jr. Warden** who recently repaired the rocking chair in the baptistry.
- For these people who prayed and kept watch with Jesus at our Maundy Thursday vigil in the Chapel of the Beloved Disciples: **Greg & Macalan Taylor**, **James Beard**, **Robert Finley**, **Merrie Beard**, **Ali Behrens Braly**, **Catherine Wilson**, **Stephanie Abla**, & **Kathleen Haynes**.
- Our Music Minister Search Committee; **Holly Cole**, **Ann McGehee**, **John & Lindy Ritz**, **Les Flanagan**, and **Martha & Perry White**.
- **Merrie Beard**'s leadership of the Daughters of the King and all the **Martha Chapter daughters** who sponsored the Spring Assembly of the Diocesan Gathering. Special thanks to **Greg Taylor** for being the helpful security and IT person that day.



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Collect:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

First Lesson:

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an 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.) ²⁷ So 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 ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As 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?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When 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. ⁴⁰ But 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.

Psalm:

Psalm 22:24-30

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

Epistle:

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, 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.

¹⁴ And 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.

¹⁷ Love 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.

Gospel:

John 15:1-8

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.

You may receive the bread into your hand, consume it and then guide the cup to your lips. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, consume the bread and cross your hands over your chest. For a blessing only, you may cross your hands over your chest. Children may receive communion; there is no minimum age. Gluten-free hosts are available. (“GF” stickers to indicate preference are in the narthex).

Please notify ushers for assistance.

Eucharistic Visitors

As Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth, the priest says: “In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.”

The congregation responds: “We who are many are one Body, because we all share one bread and one cup.”

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