

*The unforgettable love story of a mother blinded by loss and her husband who insists on their survival as they undertake the Syrian refugee trail to Europe.*

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo--until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape. But what Afra has seen is so terrible she has gone blind, and so they must embark on a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece towards an uncertain future in Britain. On the way, Nuri is sustained by the knowledge that waiting for them is Mustafa, his cousin and business partner, who has started an apiary and is teaching fellow refugees in Yorkshire to keep bees.

As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all, they must journey to find each other again.

Moving, powerful, compassionate, and beautifully written, The Beekeeper of Aleppo is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit. It is the kind of book that reminds us of the power of storytelling.

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<b><u>Sunday Services</u></b>	
8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I	
9:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II	
11:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I	
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	
First Sunday each month	
<b><u>Weekday Services</u></b>	
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	
8:10 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I	
6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I	

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 15, 2022 • 9:00 AM

Processional Hymn 304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

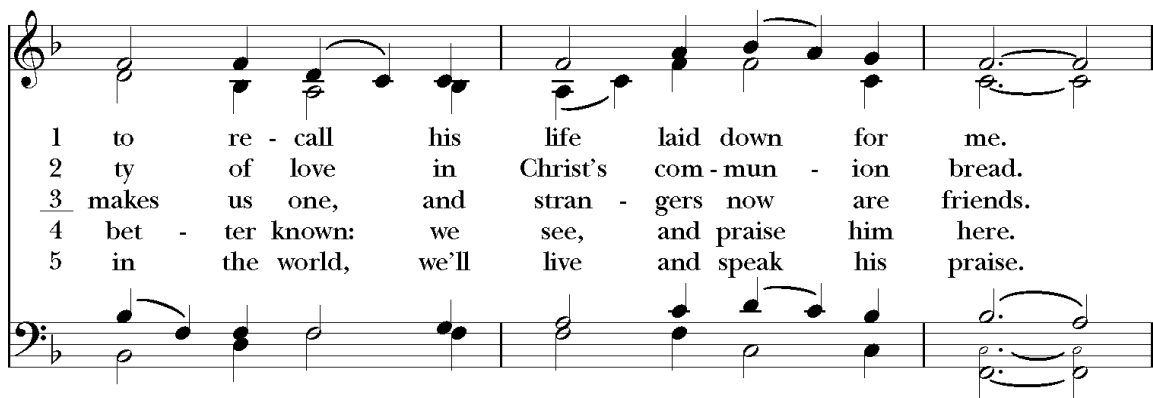
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

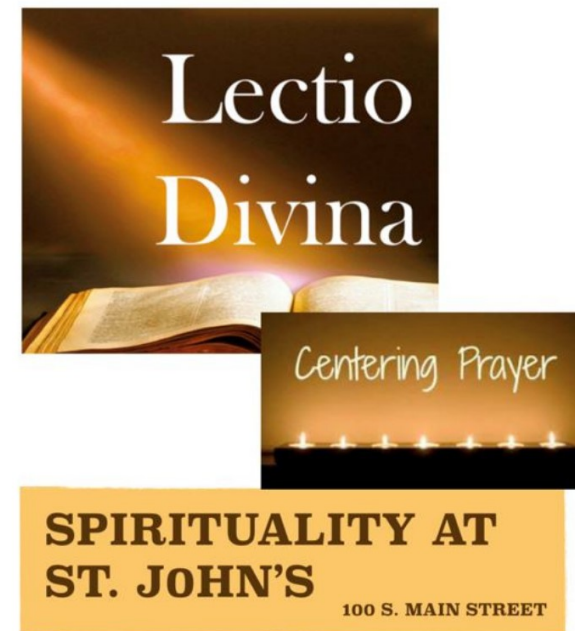
## Announcements

**BULLETINS:** Worshipping remote? You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://stjohnsouthampton.org). The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we have been sending out a weekly e-newsletter. If you, or someone you know would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

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Lectio  
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Centering Prayer

SPIRITUALITY AT  
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Lectio Divinia  
THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 7PM

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*Dedications*

The flowers at the altar this week have been given to the  
Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George Slaughter  
by Jane Slaughter.



*Verse of the Week*

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one  
another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have  
love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

“ *Quote of the Week* ”



“The measure of a country's greatness is its  
ability to retain compassion in times of crisis.”

Thurgood Marshall

American lawyer and civil rights activist who served as the first  
African-American Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**Hymn of Praise**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## 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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Acts 11:1-18*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are  
 war-riors com-eth rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the  
 strong. blest. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

\*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the  
 \*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through  
 saints tri-umph-ant rise in bright ar-ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host  
 King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.  
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



**Closing Hymn 287**      *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*



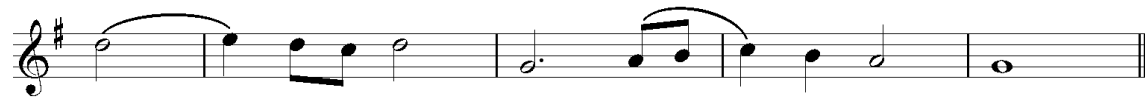
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—  
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—  
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
 win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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



\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 148**

*Laudate Dominum*

**1 Hallelujah!**

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
 praise him in the heights.**

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
 praise him, all his host.**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
 praise him, all you shining stars.**

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
 and you waters above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
 for he commanded, and they were created.**

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Postcommunion Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

Postcommunion Hymn 315

*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er to one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord  
People Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 457

*Thou art the Way, to thee alone*

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Officiant      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev’d W. Patrick Edwards

Nicene Creed

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.

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

Celebrant and People

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

*Priest*

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.



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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.

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 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. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;  
Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence our diocesan bishop;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially  
Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and Jesse, our Mayor;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions.*  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

*Officiant*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory**

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Officiant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*          **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

*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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*  
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 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.”