



### **Sunday Services**

9 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11 AM • Morning Prayer, Rite I  
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(First Sundays each month)

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## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

Jesus said:  
"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest."



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025 • 11 AM**

**Morning Prayer, Rite I**



### ***Welcome to St. John's***

*If you're visiting us today, we warmly invite you to sign our guest register at the back of the church and share your contact information. This helps us stay connected and share updates about our ministries, events, and opportunities to grow in faith.*

*We're delighted you've joined us for worship. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and the Word of God inspire you during this time together.*

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**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn 688**

***Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant*  
Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*1 Corinthians 15:57*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*  
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*  
**Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,**  
**we have followed too much the devices and desires of our**  
**own hearts,**  
**we have offended against thy holy laws,**  
**we have left undone those things which we ought to**  
**have done,**  
**and we have done those things which we ought not to**  
**have done.**  
**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,**  
**spare thou those who confess their faults,**  
**restore thou those who are penitent,**  
**according to thy promises declared unto mankind**  
**in Christ Jesus our Lord;**  
**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**  
**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**  
**to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

**Absolution**

*Celebrant*  
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**— *Announcements* —**

**Rector’s June Bible Study**

During the month of June, join us for the Rector's Bible Study at 12:00 Noon on Wednesdays. For four Wednesdays in June, Jeremy will lead a lunchtime Bible study that looks closely at the interconnecting themes of the four scripture lessons that will be read at church the following Sunday morning. By participating in these discussions, you'll get a head start on Sunday and enjoy a great time of fellowship and conversation. Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch and join us in the Parish Hall.

**St. John’s Knitting Group**

All are welcome to join. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 and will provide yarn and needles. If you are a complete novice, don't worry - we're happy to teach you! We regularly knit for “Christmas at Sea” a venerable Episcopal endeavor. We craft warm hats, scarves and neck warmers for mariners in the merchant marine and collect other items such as toiletries and decks of cards to go into their gift ditty bags. Questions? Please contact Georgette Chapek.

**St. John’s Summer Art Show**

Our annual event offers a special evening of art, fellowship, and community. This year’s show will be held on Friday, August 1 from 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. For more information, or to inquire about participation, contact Meghan Magyar (meghanmagyar@me.com) or Lisa Gillespie (lisag0057@aol.com).

**Call for Volunteers**

**If you are interested in being a part of the exciting ministries at St. John's Episcopal Church, we invite you to reach out to the following:**

- Altar Guild:** Ellen Greaves at greavese631@yahoo.com  
**Coffee Hour:** Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or contacts Ursula at (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org  
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*All Stand for Doxology*

**Doxology**

**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.**

**Recessional Hymn 516**

***Come Down, O Love Divine***

*All Stand*

*Officiant*

Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

*Officiant and People*

**And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

**Postlude**

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**— *Dedications* —**

**The flowers at the Altar this week were given in Glory of God and in loving memory of Claudette Karabey by Peter Trapp. Our flowers were also given in loving memory of Dr. George M Slaughter & Jane Slaughter by Neill Slaughter, and in loving memory of Anna Wohlin by Håkan Wohlin.**

**Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People*

**And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\***

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Alleluia. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Venite**

***Psalms 95:1-7***

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \***

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \***

**and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it, \***

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God, \***

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \***

**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

**For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \***

**and with righteousness to judge the world**

**and the peoples with his truth.**

*All be seated*

**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!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**The First Lesson** *Acts 11:1-18*  
A Lesson 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 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,

by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant*  
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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

*The Officiant*  
Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Announcements**

**Gospel Hymn 508** *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

**Gospel** *John 13:31-35*

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint John.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Sermon** **The Rev. Jeremy Carlson**

*All are Seated*  
**Offertory**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
**R. Thy saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

**Intercessions**

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

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  
**Thanks be to God**

*All Stand*

***Benedictus es, Domine***

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The 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;  
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  
**Thanks be to God**

*All Stand*

***Jubilate Deo Psalm 100***

**O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \***  
    **serve the Lord with gladness**  
    **and come before his presence with a song.**  
**Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;**  
    **it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \***  
    **we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving**  
    **and into his courts with praise; \***  
    **be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.**  
**For the Lord is gracious;**  
    **his mercy is everlasting; \***  
    **and his truth endureth from generation to generation.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;\***  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**  
**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*  
*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               **And with thy spirit.**  
*Officiant*           Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*  
**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.**

**Suffrages A**

**V.**   O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
**R.**   **And grant us thy salvation.**  
**V.**   Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
**R.**   **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
**V.**   Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.**   **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
**V.**   Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
**R.**   **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**