

# ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – WALPOLE, NH

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10 am – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude "Awake, the Voice commands" by J.S. Bach

Vladimir Odinekikh

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN

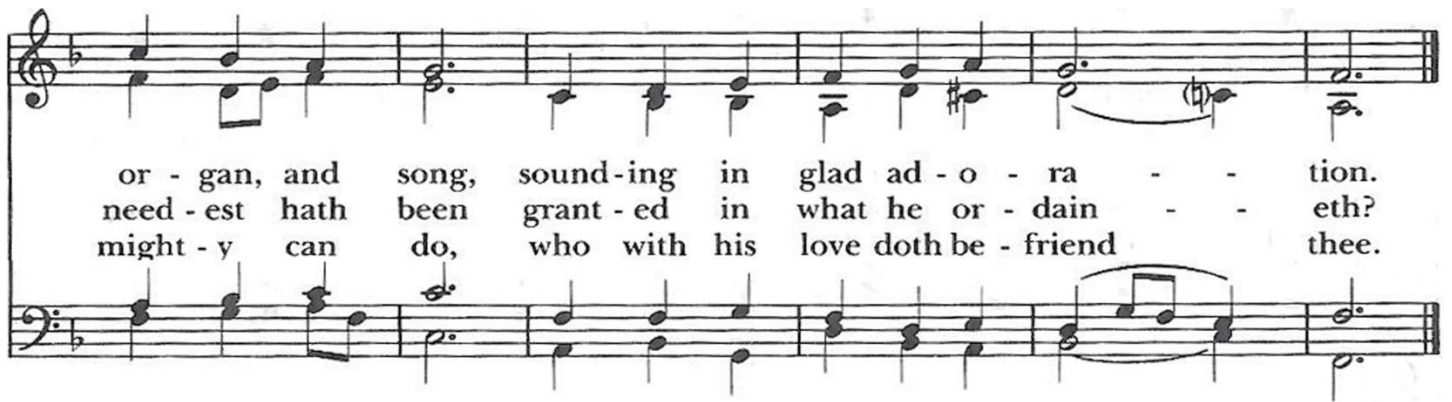
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymnal 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.

All stand as they are able

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Hymnal S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y 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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11,15

*People may be seated while Lector reads.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children

and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 37:1-12,41-42**

*Lector and people read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

**6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

**8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

*People may remain seated while LEM reads.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

Hymnal 674

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 6:27-38

*People stand to hear the gospel.*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE HOMILY**

The Rev. Fred Chisolm

## **THE CREED**

*After a time of reflection, all stand as they are able*

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The LEM and people pray responsively. People remain standing if able.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially St. George's Episcopal Church, Durham and the Holderness School, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Bless those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Bill Reed (2/23).

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Jean, Missy Wilkins, Erik Lindberg, Mary Lou Huffling, Mary Warzecha, Matt Pinson, Jessie McKenzie, Bob Lindberg, Brianna Miller, Rebecca Cooper, Avery, Doug Barnes, John Tuttle, Mary Lou Montgomery, and Peggy Pschirrer, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, Bob Anderson, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand. People may greet one another from their seats.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*The congregation may be seated as the Offering is received.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

Hymnal 306



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;





in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

**DOXOLOGY**

*All stand.*

**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.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

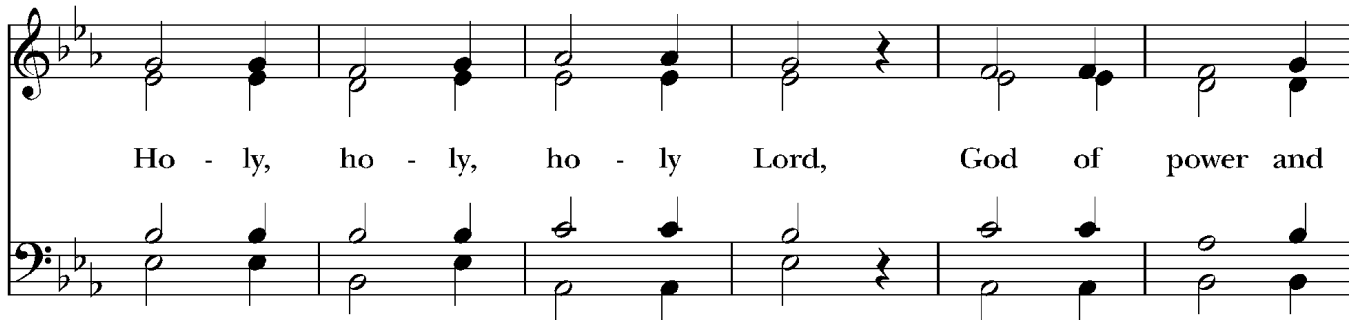
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S-130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hca - ven and earth are

full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 people stand or kneel*

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."

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,

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

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.*

### COMMUNION

*Let us break bread together*

Hymn 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*People stand as they are able*

Let us pray.

**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.**

**EPIPHANY BLESSING**

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son. **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill our lives  
with his joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Hymnal 593 v 1-4

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated and wait to begin greeting one another until after the postlude.*

**POSTLUDE**

Allelujah by Mozart

Vladimir Odnokikh

**WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S**

|                    | <i>This Sunday</i>         | <i>Next Sunday</i>         |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant:</i>  | The Rev. Frederick Chisolm | The Rev. Frederick Chisolm |
| <i>Rector:</i>     | The Rev. Frederick Chisolm | The Rev. Frederick Chisolm |
| <i>Deacon</i>      | The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark | The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark |
| <i>Organist:</i>   | Vladimir Odnokikh          | Vladimir Odnokikh          |
| <i>Acolyte:</i>    | Conor O'Donnell            | Conor O'Donnell            |
| <i>LEM</i>         | Josh Beer                  | Drew Street                |
| <i>Lector(s)</i>   | Bill Reed                  | Bill Reed                  |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Lisa Cuoco                 | Patti Sparks               |
| <i>Flowers</i>     | Marilyn Wilking            | Patti Sparks               |

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|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Ushers</i>      | Al Sparks & Andrew Wilking   | Bill Tyson & Chuck Loomis   |
| <i>Counters</i>    | Linda O'Donnell & Lisa Cuoco | Alison Brule & Patti Sparks |
| <i>Hospitality</i> | Bill & Lynne Reed            | Jane Loomis                 |

**ALL ARE WELCOME – NO EXCEPTIONS – To WORSHIP, LOVE, SERVE AND GROW**

**Working Together**

Alison Brule, our new Volunteer Coordinator, has the Working Together 2025 forms at the back of the church and at Coffee Hour. If you haven't submitted your form, please put it in the box in the Library today. Thanks.

**Lenten Bible Study**

Father Fred will be leading a Lenten bible study on the Book of Luke. It will be a four-week series and will be held in person at St. John's. He would like to schedule it at a time that will work for as many as possible.

**Fall Mountain Food Shelf**

During February we will focus on baked beans, hearty soups, peanut butter. These are frequently requested items. Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

**Our Priest in Charge:** The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at [rector@StJohnsWalpole.org](mailto:rector@StJohnsWalpole.org).

**St. John's Vestry 2025:** Drew Street (Senior Warden), Chuck Loomis (Junior Warden), Sue Bauer (Treasurer), Linda O'Donnell (Clerk), Alison Brule, Joe Cuoco, and John Proctor. Both wardens may be reached at [info@StJohnsWalpole.org](mailto:info@StJohnsWalpole.org).