ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | Walpole, NH

All are welcome - no exceptions - to worship, love, serve & grow.

A MORNING SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER

with Administration of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Consolation #3 by F. Liszt

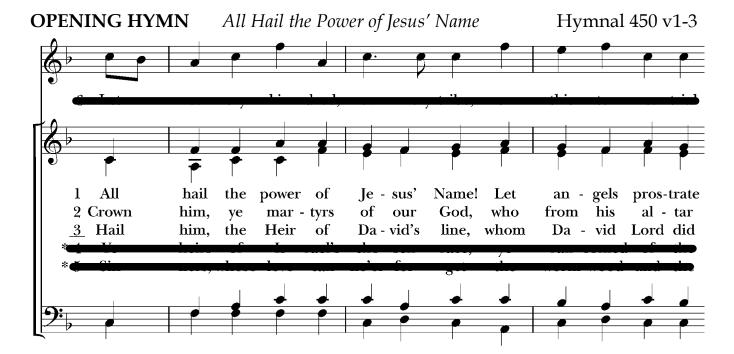
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WELCOME

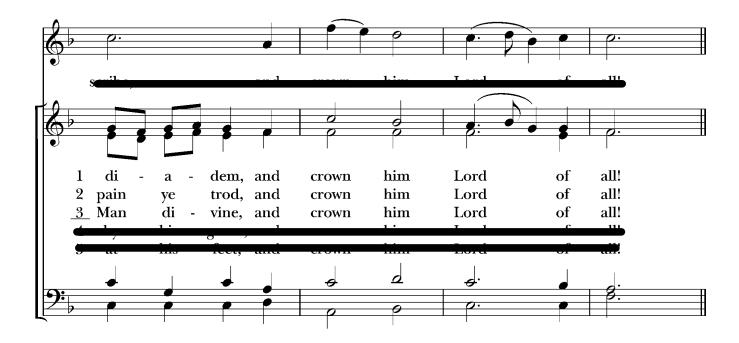
OPENING WORDS

Celebrant:

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24







CONFESSION

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People

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.

Celebrant

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

JUBILATE Psalm 100

The Celebrant and People say in unison.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfullness endures from age to age.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING Acts 16:16-34

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the book of Acts:

¹⁶[With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and] as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM Psalm 97

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

- ²Clouds and darkness are round about him, *righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- ³A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.
- ⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.
- ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Following the Psalm, all say in unison:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

People may remain seated while the LEM reads.

A reading from the Book of Revelation:

¹⁰In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

LEM: The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal 7



People stand to hear the

gospel

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Thanks be to God.

[Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said,] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you

loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

THE HOMILY The Rev. Dan Wilfrid

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE MAGNIFICAT

After a time of reflection, all stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the words of Mary:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The LEM and the People pray responsively. All remain standing as you are able.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Walpole, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Missy Wilkins, Erik Lindberg, Mary Warzecha, Matt Pinson, Jessie McKenzie, Brianna Miller, Rebecca Cooper, Avery, Doug Barnes, John Tuttle, Mary Lou Montgomery, and Peggy Pschirrer, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with

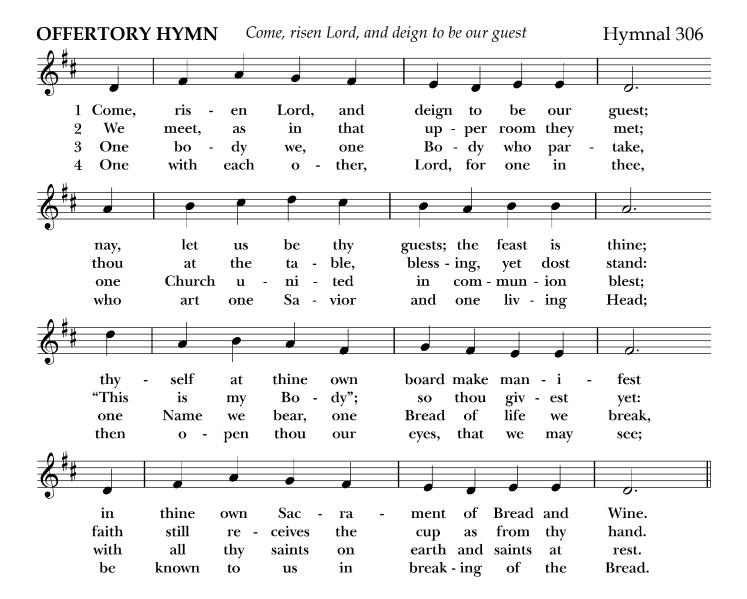
you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Therefore, let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.



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.

SOLEMN DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION (from the reserved sacrament)

The previously consecrated elements are reverently placed upon the altar from the front. Standing at the head of the congregation and facing the altar, the Celebrant leads the people in prayer.

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Celebrant

All

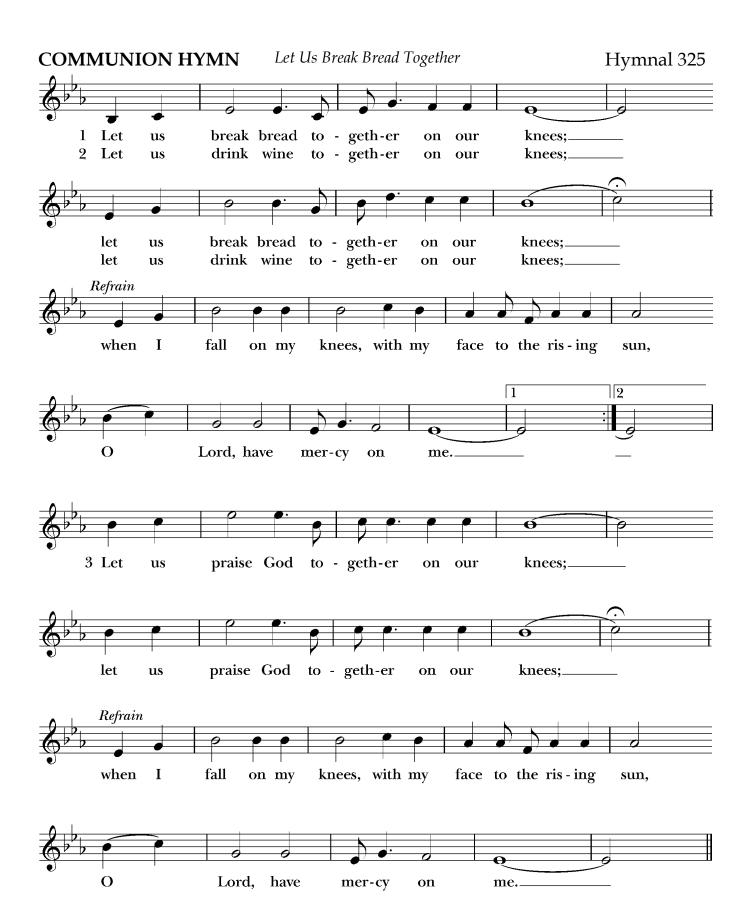
In the beginning, the Holy Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. Through Mary, the blessed Mother, the Word was made flesh in the body and blood of Jesus. Out of the Earth, Christ is born again and dwells among us.

O God, Creator of time and space, your Spirit abides with us and with all creation. We thank you for these gifts of the land and for these, our bodies, which we offer in your service. We thank you for this holy food we are about to receive, a miracle of new and unending life in you.

Gathered here today in your presence, may our hearts and souls be set on fire. May we bound to this good Earth in love, and to all your creatures from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation and species. May we be transformed by the same self-giving love that has transformed this bread. May we, taking into our humble bodies this holy food, become the love that creates all things, bears all things, renews all things. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you wish a blessing, instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest. The People receive Communion through bread consecrated at a previous service. Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People stand as you are able.

Let us pray. (Celebrant and People say in unison)

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

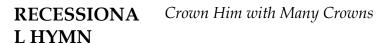
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

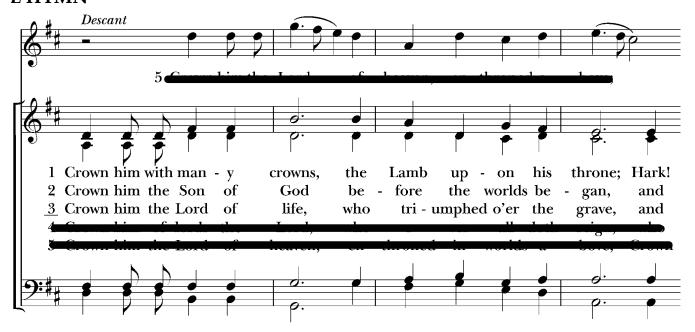
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

BLESSING

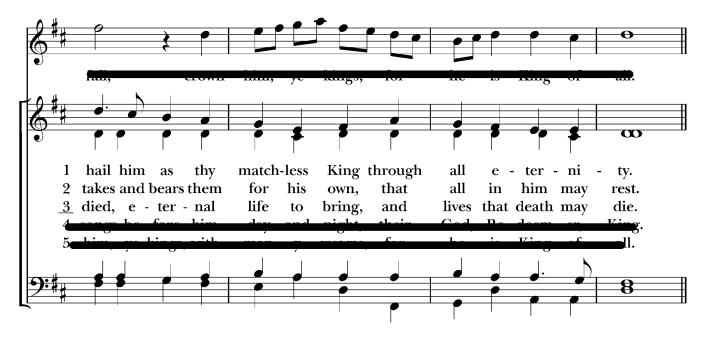
Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



Hymnal 494 v1-3







DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Finale from concerto #1 by Beethoven

Vladimir Odinokikh

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Celebrant:	The Rev. Dan Wilfrid	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
Rector:	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark
Organist:	Vladimir Odinokikh	Vladimir Odinokikh
Acolyte:	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
LEM	Lisa Cuoco	Joe Cuoco
Lector(s)	Michael Wilson	Jane Loomis
Altar Guild	Patti Sparks	Andrew Wilking
Flowers	Jane Loomis	Lynne Reed
Ushers	Chuck Loomis & Bill Tyson	John Proctor & Mairin Keleher
Counters	Patti Sparks & Linda O'Donnell	Marilyn Wilking & Chas Street
Hospitality	Kris Tyson	Jane Loomis

What on Earth Should I Say? Useful Pastoral Care Techniques for Lay People

Led by The Rev. Elsa Worth, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church Mondays June 2, 9, 16 and 23 | 6.30p-8.30p | On Zoom Free but registration required.

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When someone you care about is ill, grieving, lonely, or in pain, it is sometimes hard to know what to do. What is truly helpful and comforting and what is not? The goal of this series is to equip participants with some basic background information and solid tools that are helpful in offering a loving pastoral presence to those who are suffering or in pain. It will provide a solid introduction for anyone who wants to feel more confident in reaching out to their fellow congregants, friends or loved ones in times of trouble. Learn more and register online at https://www.stjameskeene.com/what-on-earth-do-i-say

Monadnock Interfaith Project: Building Beloved Community Faith Festival June 14, 2-4pm | Pavilion behind First Baptist Church, 105 Maple Ave in Keene

Do you enjoy music, art, dance and learning about faith traditions? Join us for this family friendly event including Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and other spiritual perspectives. Together we will share songs, dance, games, food, prayer and fellowship. If you love to sing, come early at 1:15pm to join an interfaith pop up choir! We will learn a musical piece to perform together at the festival.

RSVP (link in your e-newsletter for this week) to help the host to anticipate numbers, or just come by.

Fall Mountain Food Shelf

During May we will focus on baked beans, hearty soups and 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 <u>rector@StJohnsWalpole.org</u>.

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.

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