

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | Walpole, NH
All are welcome – no exceptions – to worship, love, serve & grow.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 2, 2026 | Proper 13

PRELUDE

Vladimir Odinokikh

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - ren sev - er;
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All stand as able.**Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy glorious and undivided Trinity.*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

We pray in unison:

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 S-280

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

²²[Jacob got up at night] and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM

Psalm 17:1-7,16

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴**I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

¹⁶**But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome:

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Fine
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.
 1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

People stand to hear the gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹³Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me."

¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Lindberg

THE CREED

After a time of reflection, all stand as you are able. We recite in unison:

**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 the People pray responsively. All remain standing as you are able.

God feeds all who come to the waters. Let us offer prayers for all who thirst for God.

For Rob our bishop, for this holy gathering, and for all who share the bread of life.

Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

Hear our prayer.

For farmers and a good harvest, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.

Hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, and especially these members and friends of our parish: Beth & Josh, Betty Williams, Bob Lindberg, Danielle & Jake Horihan and their families, Chris Cooper, Erik Lindberg, Heydi Manchame, Janice Sykes, Jeanne Phillips, Julie and family, Karen, Karen (Kathie Clark's sister), Kathy DePasquale, Peggy Pschirrer, Rebecca Cooper, Sara Crosby and Susan Eisenhauer.

Hear our prayer.

For the dying and the dead.

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families and companions, and all those we love.

Hear our prayer.

God who breaks bread among us, hear our prayers for all in need and fill your hungry people with manna from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

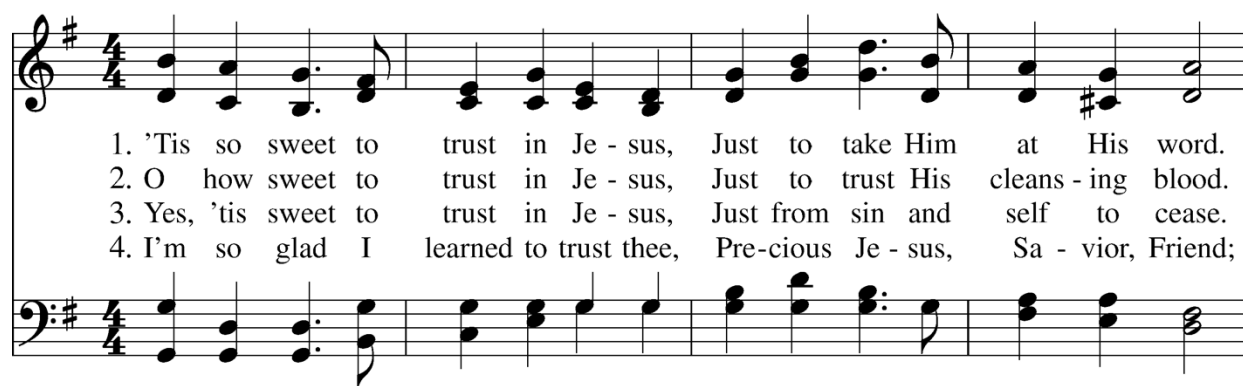
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

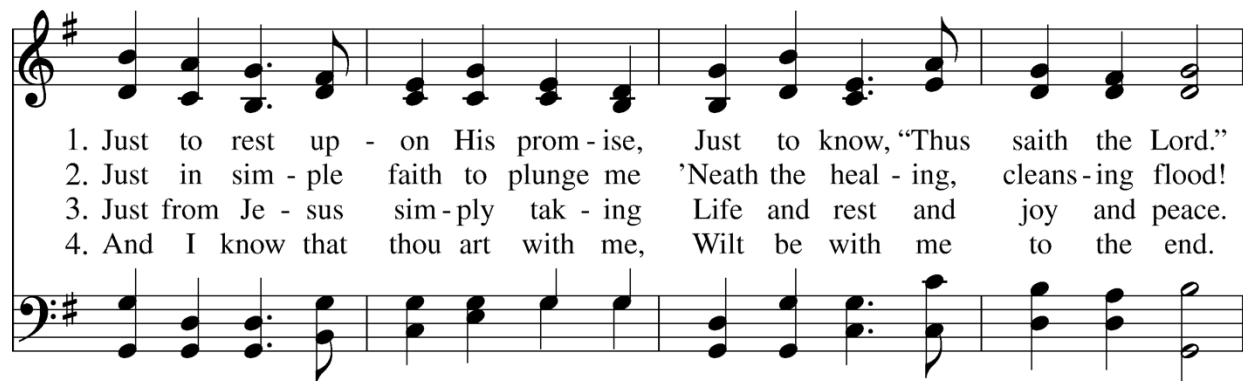
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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

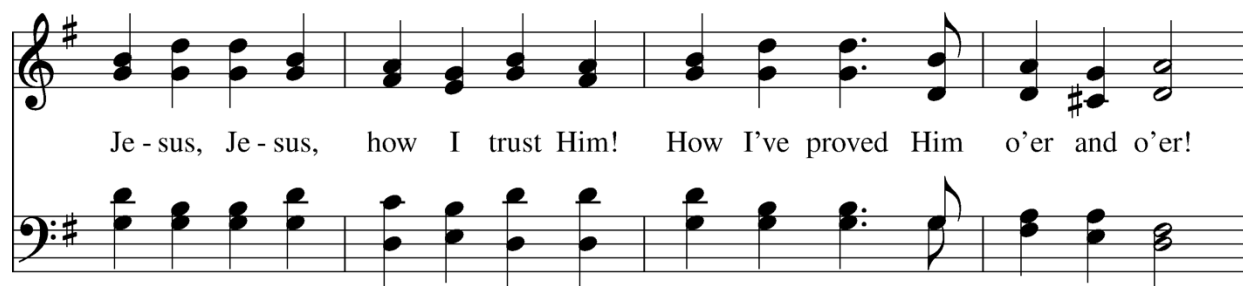
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;



1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
 4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

The People stand or kneel.

Holy, holy, holy

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, hea - 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.

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 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

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.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Vladimir
Odinokikh

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People stand as you 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.

1 The Christ who died but rose a - gain tri - um - phant from the grave,
2 What now can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ our Lord?
3 The trou - bles that are ours to bear are trials we can - not flee;
4 Thus noth - ing in the heights or depths, no power earth can af - ford,

now pleads our cause at God's right hand all - pow - er - ful to save.
Can per - se - cu - tion, na - ked - ness, or per - il, or the sword?
yet he who loved us from the first en - sures our vic - to - ry.
will sep - a - rate us from the love of Je - sus Christ our Lord.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score ends with a double bar line.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Vladimir Odinokikh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

Working Together at St. John's

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Bob Lindberg	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. David Gilliam	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark The Rev. David Gilliam
<i>Organist:</i>	Vladimir Odinkikh	Vladimir Odinkikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Kathie Clark	Joe Cuoco
<i>LEM</i>	Josh Beer	Alison Chisolm
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Patti Sparks	Audrey Henderson
<i>Flowers</i>	Patti Sparks	Jane Loomis
<i>Ushers</i>	Al Sparks & Mairin Keleher	Drew Street & Bill Tyson
<i>Hospitality</i>	Kathie & Bill Clark	Kris & Bill Tyson
<i>Counters</i>	Alison Brule & Patti Sparks	Linda O'Donnell & Marilyn Wilking

Sara Would Love a Visit

Sara Crosby is currently at Pine Heights, a rehabilitation center located at 187 Oak Grove Avenue in Brattleboro. She would be very glad to receive visits from members of the parish. Please call or text Sara at 802-591-7021 ahead of time to arrange a convenient time to visit.

An Invitation to Give for Venezuelan Relief

In response to the recent devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, our Outreach Committee has approved a \$500 donation to Episcopal Relief & Development to provide immediate crisis aid. While this initial gift helps jumpstart critical relief efforts on the ground, the road to recovery for these communities will be long and challenging. Our goal is to send at least \$1000. Contributions can be made through our weekly offering designated "Venezuela Relief". Pray for them.

Fill Your Red Bag for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf

All parishioners are invited to take a "Red Bag" (a red cloth shopping bag with St. John's name on it) and fill it with items for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf every month. During August, the requested items are baked beans, hearty soups, peanut butter and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar). Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

Our Rector: The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at rector@StJohnsWalpole.org.

St. John's Vestry 2026: Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Lisa Cuoco (Treasurer), Alison Brule (Clerk), Josh Beer, Mairin Keleher, John Proctor. Both wardens may be reached at info@StJohnsWalpole.org.