

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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | Proper 15

PRELUDE *Intermezzo op.118#2, by J. Brahms*

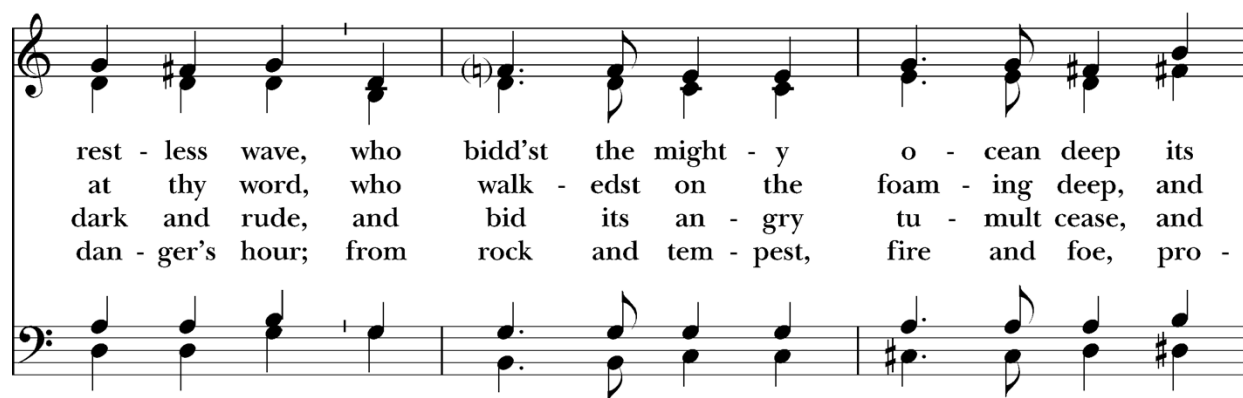
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD



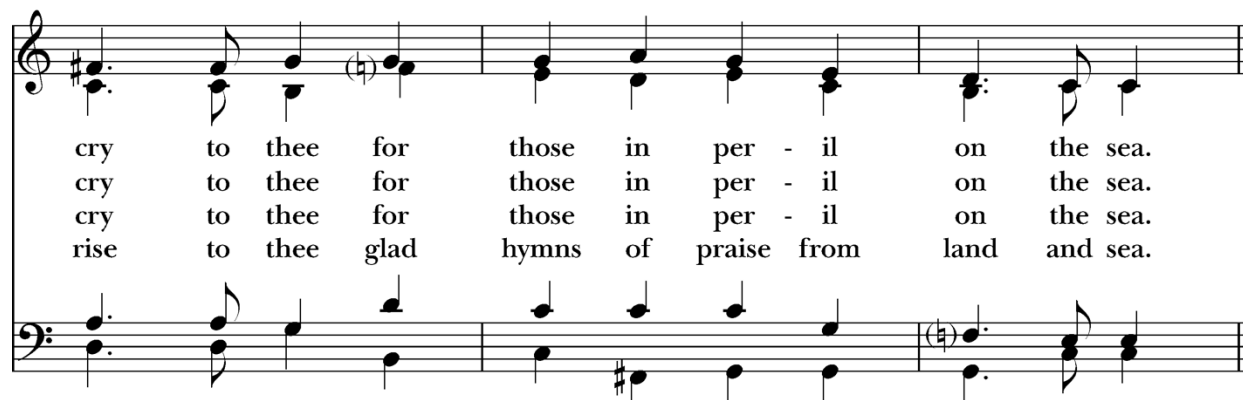
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

¹Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph 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.

⁴Then 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. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For 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. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck

and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 133

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,**

³Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

⁴**It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

⁵For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a,
29-32

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

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

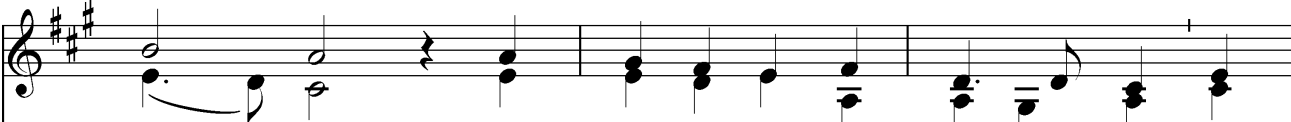
People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison or harmony

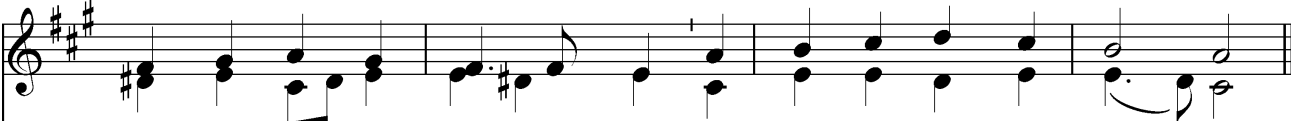

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
 2 The host of hea - ven prais-eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
 3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;



his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
 and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
 he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er



fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
 pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
 wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

People stand to hear the gospel.

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

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. David Gilliam

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.

Let us cry out to the Son of David with our prayers for the Church and the world.
Give your Church wisdom and strength, that we may do the Baptismal work you have called us to do.

We pray for our parish clergy, for Rob our bishop, and Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for all the people of God in every place.
Have mercy, O Christ.

Give our nation and every community just and wise leadership, that Donald our President, Kelly our Governor, and our selectboard, and all those in authority may seek your will.
Have mercy, O Christ.

Reconcile us one to another, Gracious God, in a time of division and strife. Help us to see and reject the sin of white supremacy and racism, in our community, our nation, our Church, and the world.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Grant relief and your abiding presence and protection for all those who are oppressed for their race, ethnicity, or skin color; hear their cry and move your people to action.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Convict the consciences, by your Holy Spirit, of all those who benefit from these systems of racism and injustice, that they may hear your call to confront and dismantle them.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Sustain and restore all those in danger and need: the sick and the dying, the poor and the marginalized, prisoners and their families, victims of terror and violence, and especially Beth & Josh, Betty Williams, Bob Lindberg, Danielle & Jake Horihan and their families, Chris Cooper, Erik Lindberg, Heydi Manchame, Janice Sykes, Jeanne Phillips, Karen, Karen (Kathie Clark's sister), Kathy DePasquale, Peggy Pschirrer, Rebecca Cooper, and Sara Crosby.

You may add any additional prayers of intercession at this time.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Bless the relationships of our lives, in our city and every community, and among our families, companions, and all we love.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants who have died.

Have mercy, O Christ.

Almighty God, who calls us to love one another, grant us that redemptive love that knows no bounds, that we may be transformed more and more into your holy people this day and always; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



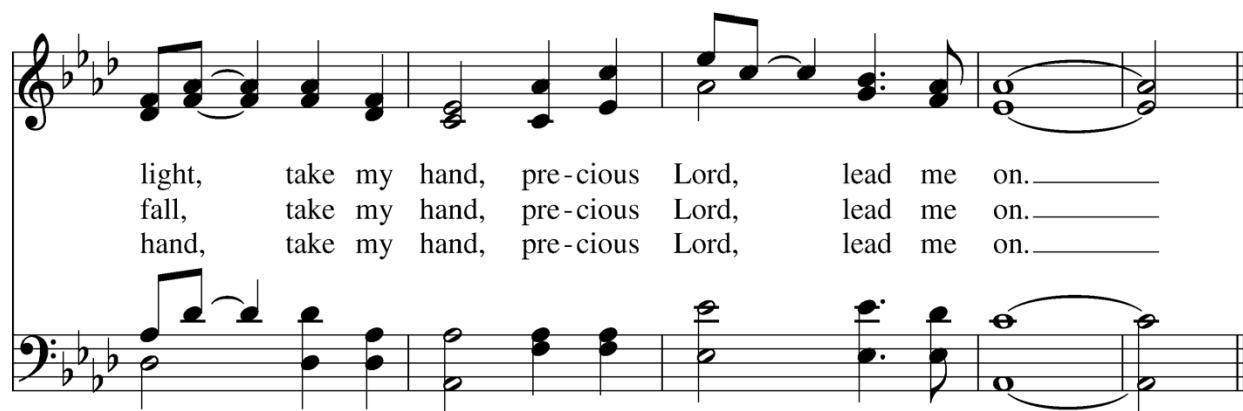
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, when my life is al - most gone; _____
 near, and the day is past and gone; _____



— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my



light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____

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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

BLESSING

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



1. When the storms of life are rag - ing,
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
 3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,



1. When the storms of life are rag - ing,
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
 3. me, stand by me; In the midst of faults and fail - ures,
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,



1. When the world is toss - ing me
 2. When the hosts of hell as - sail,
 3. Stand by me, stand by me; When I do the best I can,
 4. When my foes in bat - tle ar - ray
 5. When my life be - comes a bur - den,



1. Like a ship up - on the sea; Thou who
 2. And my strength be - gins to fail, Thou who
 3. And my friends mis - un - der - stand, Thou who
 4. Un - der - take to stop my way, Thou who
 5. And I'm near - ing chill - y Jor - dan, O thou



1. rul - est wind and wa - ter,
 2. nev - er lost a bat - tle,
 3. know - est all a - bout me, Stand by me, stand by me.
 4. saved Paul and Si - las,
 5. "Lil - y of the Val - ley,"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Finale from concerto #15, by Mozart*

Vladimir Odinokikh

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

Working Together at St. John's

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm The Rev. David Gilliam, Preacher	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>	Audrey Henderson	John Proctor
<i>LEM</i>	Lisa Cuoco	Joe Cuoco
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Proctor	Patti Sparks
<i>Flowers</i>	Audrey Henderson	Taylor Royle
<i>Ushers</i>	Chuck & Jane Loomis	Joe Cuoco & Al Sparks
<i>Hospitality</i>	Alison Chisolm	Karen & John Proctor
<i>Counters</i>	Marilyn Wilking & Kathie Clark	Chas Street & Karen Proctor

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.

A Knock at Midnight: Black Preacher as Orator

Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series | Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

Presenters: Rev. Fred Chisolm and Pastor Robert Thompson

Saturday, August 22 | 4p | Old North Church, Canaan NH

Come hear Fr. Fred in a dialogue about the black preaching tradition, which has long held a sacred and central role in African American public speech. This dialogue explores how the pulpit evolved into both a sanctuary and a platform for liberation, influencing the moral and political discourse within communities. This conversation will take place in the church where renowned abolitionist, scholar, and Pan-African visionary Alexander Crummell once preached. Crummell founded the first independent Black Episcopal church in Washington, D.C., and was a former student of Noyes Academy – New Hampshire's first integrated and coeducational school, established in 1835.

The event is free, but you are asked to register. You may register on the website here:

<https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/events/ewh-tea-talks-nh#event-schedule>

Bluegrass Sunday on the Walpole Common

Hosted by River Valley Church

Sunday, August 23 | 10a – 12p

Our church neighbors on the Common are hosting a special event NEXT Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend – consider wandering over during coffee hour! Be aware that parking may be more difficult than usual, so you may want to allow extra time.

While the Fruit Is in Season...

Now is the perfect time to start making jams, jellies, and other preserves for our Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 21! Not a jam-maker? You can get a head start by baking and freezing cookies or preparing another favorite handmade item.

New to the parish and eager to help? Ask some of our Holiday Fair veterans during coffee hour about the perennial best sellers. There are plenty of ways to contribute – and every item helps make the fair a success!

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.

Your Invited: Celebration of the Life of Charlie Montgomery

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 10a

Memorial Service, First Congregational Church, 15 Washington Street

Reception following at St. John's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall.

The Montgomery Family invites you to join in honoring the life of Charlie Montgomery at a memorial service and reception on September 19. If you would like to do something in Charlie's honor, you are encouraged to volunteer at an environmental or conservation organization of your choice. If you would like to make a gift in his memory, you are asked to consider two wonderful local non-profits on whose board he served: Chase's Mill, www.chasesmill.org or Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, www.hcsservices.org.

Meet and Greet with Bishop Candidates

The Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire is actively searching for its 11th bishop to succeed the retiring Bishop Rob Hirschfeld. The finalist slate of candidates will be announced on August 14, 2026, leading up to an electing convention on October 24, 2026.

Please mark your calendars to attend one of these Meet and Greet sessions to meet the candidates.

- Holderness School, Holderness - Thursday, October 8, 3 pm
- Christ Church, Exeter - Friday, October 9, 6 pm
- St. Paul's School, Concord - Saturday, October 10, 3 pm