

St. John's Episcopal Church
October 2, 2011



Welcome Home

No matter where you are on your journey of faith,
you are always welcome at St. John's Church
and most importantly *at God's table.*

Welcome to St. John's

Whether you just walked in the door for the first time or have called St. John's home for years, "Welcome!" In this community of St. John's we strive to welcome ALL people. This is no small thing. It takes time and effort and we do not always do it as well as we might like, but we are intentionally striving to be a more welcoming community each and every day. Let us know how we are doing and what we can do better.

Each Sunday we do the one thing that sets us apart from most other organizations...we Worship. Our worship at its heart is an opportunity to gather together as a community around God's table and say "Thank you" to God for all we have been given. St. John's is a community that is on a journey. We ask questions, we wonder and we do not always have "The Answer" but together we practice gratitude, we learn to love, and we seek to serve the needs of the world.

We live in a world filled with activity where we are bombarded with information without pause. My prayer for us is that we more fully become a community where we can find a home, a spiritual home, where we can discover and tend the deep meaning of our lives. Thank you for helping to make this vision a reality!

Peace to you,



The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr.

8 AM THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323
Gloria	BCP p. 324
The Collect	<i>see insert</i>
The First Reading	<i>see insert</i>
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory	
Celebrant:	All things come of thee, O Lord.
People:	And of thine own have we given thee.
Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP p. 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 336
Angus Dei	BCP p. 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p. 337
	<i>All are invited to come forward for communion.</i>
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 339
The Blessing	
Dismissal	

10:00 AM THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Prelude: Trio in D Minor: II, BWV 527

J.S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn: #546 "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve"

SIROE

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

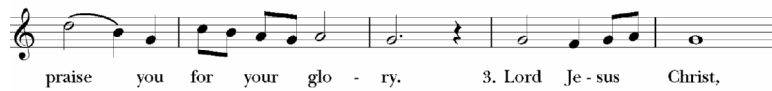
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say:

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

The Hymnal 1982



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.

The Collect of the Day

see insert

The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

see insert

Psalm 19: 7-14

Choir sings odd verses, Congregation sings even verses. Tone 1, LBW



- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re|vives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and re|joice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light | to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en|dures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous | altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than | much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your ser|vant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often | he offends? *
cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a | great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable | in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Sequence Hymn: **LEVAS#60** "How Great Thou Art"
 (Verse 1) Swedish Folk Melody

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

see insert

Sequence Hymn: **LEVAS#60**
(Verse 4)

“How Great Thou Art”
Swedish Folk Melody

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

BCP. 358

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

As the church, we are in the vineyard of the Lord, with hopes, desires, needs, and problems. Let us bring before the master of the vineyard our needs, and the needs of the world, saying: Merciful God, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the leaders of this nation and the world. We pray especially for Barack, our president, for John, the governor of New Hampshire, and for Paul, the governor of Maine. That all who serve may accept their stewardship and accountability before God, and in doing so produce a rich harvest, let us pray: Merciful God, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the church, for Katherine, our presiding bishop, for Gene, our bishop, for this diocese as it searches for a new bishop, for our staff and clergy, for the vestry and wardens of this parish, and for all of its members. We pray especially for

the St. John's Youth Group, who is away on retreat. That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry may stand as a witness to Christ for the entire vineyard, let us pray: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, both in this community, and across the world. We pray for this parish's support of the Millennium Development Goal of ending hunger and providing food security through our involvement in The Sharing Foundation in Cambodia. And we pray for the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, especially for Irene, Tracey, Catherine, Helma, Joan, Martha, Rosemarie, Don, Mallory, Charlotte, Mollie, Rick, Rita, Tom, Roger, Gloria, Ben and Family, Jim, , Carolyn, Marilyn, Keith, Martha, Bernice, Kate, Michael, Anneliese, Amy, Mitch & Family, Eric, Yamnah, Aviana, Sally, Jim, Gabriel, Amy and Family, Tenley, Susie, Phyllis, Marian, Pete, Jane and Myrt.

*People may add their own petitions.
Silence may be kept.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Penn Brown.

*Here any other intercessions may be added.
Silence may be kept*

Celebrant

Lord of the harvest, we pray that we all may fulfill your Son's prayer in the vineyard, working and obtaining more than we could ever ask or imagine. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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

People and Celebrant

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

All are invited to come forward for communion.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Praeludium in C Major" G. Böhm

The Worship is over. The Service begins.

The flowers on the altar are given in the memory of Gordon Young.

Participants

At 8:00 Service:

Lector: *Maggie Skafidis*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jane Holway, Jim Zuckerman*

At 10:00 Service:

Lector: *Arthur Parrott*

Intercessor: *Dick Rozek*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Karen Parrott, Ken Moore, Jane Nold*

Music: *Parish Choir*

Ushers: *Head Usher: Bob Mennel, Anne Gabel, Wendy Cote,*

Sallie Mackie, Jack Meffen

Altar Guild: *Sallie Mackie, Judy Perley, Barbara Widen, Jane Holway*

Announcements, October 2 2011

The Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee meets Sunday, October 2 downstairs in Thaxter Hall following 10:00 worship and coffee hour. New ideas and voices are always welcome!

SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR ST. JOHN'S COMMON TABLE

Our chef for last June's Uncommon Table dinner, Perrin Long, is featuring St. John's Common Table as part of a special benefit in November.

THE GREAT CHEFS' TASTING PARTY will be held SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 from 5-8pm at the lovely Regatta Banquet and Conference Center, 28 Levesque Drive, Eliot, Maine. Tickets are \$25 each and \$10 from each ticket sold will benefit St. John's free lunch program!

A cash bar will be available and diners may sample the many tempting delights from appetizers to desserts expertly prepared by area chefs. Some of the chefs included are from York Harbor Inn, Bintliffs, Maine Shellfish Company, Abanaki Country Club, Chez Boucher Cooking School, as well as Perrin and his students.

Perrin as a member of the American Culinary Federation and fellow chefs for the local Piscataqua Chapter have selected Common Table as a major recipient of their annual fundraiser. Any remaining profit will provide a scholarship for a culinary student.

All parishioners and community members are invited to support this event. One can purchase tickets by calling Judy and Lew Roberts at 603 778-2357 or speak to any of the Common Table volunteers. Please make checks payable to ACF Piscataqua Chapter.

HELP NEEDED---COMMON TABLE LAUNDRY

Common Table needs help with laundering the aprons and towels used for the Thursday lunch. The commitment would be for every other week starting in November, but it doesn't have to be open-ended; you could offer to do it for several months or even weeks and that would be very much appreciated. If you are interested, call Margaret Sofio 431-6363.

St. John's Blessing of the Animals

October 5, 2011 at 5:30pm

Rain or Shine

NURSERY: ages Infant to 3 (open from 9:30am - 11:30am)

We have three very capable high school seniors who work in the nursery. Feel free to use the nursery whenever you need. We have a pager system or you can leave your cell phone number for emergency contact information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

9:30 - 10:30am with the Rite II service beginning at 10am.

Please drop off your child in their appropriate location. The children will have a lesson and do activities with their teachers. We will gather together at 10:15am in Thaxter Hall for a group lectionary lesson, complete an exercise on forgiveness and pray together. Then the children and youth will join their families in the church after the "passing of peace" to share in communion.

CHERUBS: ages 3 - K

Location: Pre-School room on ground floor of Parish Hall.

EXPLORERS: grades 1-5

Location: Thaxter Hall

MISSION: ECONOMY SHOP (Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30)

This program is open to ALL children, youth and adults in the Seacoast Community. While it runs consecutively with Children's Choir, we strongly encourage children who do not participate in choir to be involved in the program.

The goal of the program will be ***"Connecting Community through our Eyes, Hearts & Hands"***. We will have 4 week rotations around the following topics: "Self-respect", "Image", "God's Vision" and "Community". Each one of these topics will be taught through a different medium of art or science by a "guest professional", myself and adult volunteers into additional explorative methods. We will end each session with journaling and create a "portfolio". At the end of the month, we would venture out into the community and link the first three weeks of learning to hands-on experience. We strongly feel that children can learn about outreach, compassion and morals in an outside-of-the-box method such as this program. Please contact: Amy Dutton - education@stjohnsnh.org with any questions.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: Wednesdays from 9-10:30 am

The Women's Book Group meets Wednesday mornings in the Philbrick Room. We read and discuss both fiction and non-fiction. Some of the books that we have read include: *Water for Elephants*, *Henri Nowen*, *The Cup of Our Lives*, *The Help* and many more. Come join us and build your community of faith. Starting this program year off we will be reading: *The Rhetoric of Death*

We want to get to know YOU!

The new program year has begun and it's time for the next season of Getting to Know You gatherings. This is where a group of 7-10 parishioners gather at a host's home for food and good conversation with no agenda beyond getting to know each other in a relaxed, informal setting. Around 65 individuals/couples met in 9 groups over the spring and the feedback was that everyone had a totally enjoyable time! There's room for many, many more and you can participate by hosting, co-hosting with someone else, or attending as a guest. To sign up, contact Joanne in the office by calling 436-8283 or administrator@stjohnsnh.org. Questions? Speak to Andy Bangs, John Tabor, or Charlie Nichols. We look forward to getting to know YOU!

October is time for ChIPs gifts

*'Lord, when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one
of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
Matthew ch. 25*

New Hampshire Episcopalians have once again begun their annual drive to provide gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs). You may bring gifts to church anytime before Thursday, October 27. Gifts will be collected around the baptismal font in the rear of the nave. Cash donations are also welcome with a check payable to St. John's, memo "Chips". Our delegates to Diocesan Convention will bring the gifts to Convention the following Saturday, October 29.

Clergy, Staff & Wardens

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr., *Rector*
The Rev. Jeffrey D.S. Thornberg, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. G. Richard Siener, DD, *Assisting Priest*
Dr. Abbey Hallberg Siegfried, *Music Director*
Amy Dutton, *Christian Education Director*
Joanne Ferguson, *Office Administrator*
Lory Pratt, *Bookkeeper*
Chris Sieve, *Senior Warden*
Scott Osgood, *Junior Warden*
Peter Tarlton, *Treasurer*
Dani Megliola, *Clerk*
Vestry: Jim Breen, Bruce Dicker, Kathy Flygare,
Susan Fockler, Chris Kozak, Robert Mood,
Margaret Sofio, John Tabor, Anna Kay Vorsteg

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Worship Schedule

Thursdays

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Sundays

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 – 9:45 AM Adult Forum
9:30 - 10:30 AM Sunday School
10 AM Rite II
11 AM Coffee Hour

