

St. John's Episcopal Church
October 23, 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>
Psalm	<i>see insert</i>
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The Sermon	The Rev. Jeffrey D. S. Thornberg
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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

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn: #423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"
ST. DENIO

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



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.

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: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

see insert

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

Pondering the two great commandments: to love God and to love neighbor, let us pray for our needs, and for the needs of the world, saying: Lord of love, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for any who serve in leadership capacities. We pray especially for Barack, our president, for John, the governor of New Hampshire, for Paul, the governor of Maine, and for all elected officials. That as a nation we may treat those with whom we disagree with love, dignity, and respect, let us pray: Lord of love, ***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 this stewardship season. That we may use our gifts and resources to invest in our community, let us pray: Lord of love, ***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 Salvation Army. 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, Yannah, Aviana, Sally, Jim, Gabriel, Amy and Family, Tenley, Susie, Phyllis, Marian, Pete, Jane, Myra, Babs, Anne, Maryann, Trip and Family, Christopher and Paul.

*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.

Here any other intercessions may be added.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant

Almighty God, you care for the widow and the orphan, and you hear the cry of the poor. Listen, to our supplications. Open our hearts to love you and one another, and walk with those in need this day. All this we ask, 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.

Minister and 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.**

The Priest, stands and says

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.**

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*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.

Communion Anthem: "The Heavens are Telling" F. J. Haydn

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: #680 "O God, our help in ages past"

ST. ANNE

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

The Worship is over. The Service begins.

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of
Richard C. (Nick) Csernelabics*

Participants

At 8:00 Service:

Lector: *Andy Bangs*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Andy Bangs, Karen Pierce*

At 10:00 Service:

Lector: *Ronan Donohoe*

Intercessor: *John Stromgren*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Wendy Cote, Sandra Pagel, John Stromgren*

Ushers: *Head Usher: Bob Mennel. Anne Gabel, Chris Schultz, Gerry Simpkins*

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

Music: Parish Choir; Paul Dykstra, *organ*; Olin Johanessen, *Guest Director of Music*

Announcements, October 23, 2011

URGENT ...

Last Call for Gifts for ChIPs

The Diocese of New Hampshire is again helping provide gifts for ***Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChIPs)*** and ***we urgently need your help.***

Gifts and books – for infants through teens - must be new, unwrapped, with a retail value of \$20. Cash donations are also welcome with a check payable to St. John's, memoed "Chips". ***Only a few days remain as gifts or donations must be at St. John's by Thursday, October 27th***, for delivery to Diocesan Convention. You may place your gifts at the base of the historic font in the rear corner of the church or deliver them to the church office.

Questions? Contact Charlie Nichols at ack4me@comcast.net or 603.531.0715.

Adult Forum Topics

October 23: What is Anglicanism anyway?
Part 2 led by *Jeff Thornberg*

Once again, this is a continuation of the prior week's session. It is our experience that we just can't finish it in one session. All are welcome...even if you missed the first session

October 30: The Book of Common Prayer
demystified Part 1 led by Rob Stevens

This offering takes a look at a rich resource, our Book of Common Prayer. Ever wondered what is in there besides the Holy Eucharist service? Come and find out what a true gift this resource is.

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

We have two 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

RITE 13: middle school, grades 6-8

Location: Choir Room

J2A: High School, grades 9-12

Location: SRT lobby

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.

Sunday, October 30
Wear your Halloween costume
to Church

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: *Cutting for Stone* starting October 19th.

St. John's Reaches Out to Seacoast Family Promise

SEACOAST FAMILY PROMISE (SFP) is a network of volunteers from various faith communities demonstrating their strength of compassion and generosity, putting faith into action. Through donations of time and funds, Seacoast Family Promise provides a safe place for families to turn for immediate food, shelter, and social services. Participating congregations reach out to families in crisis offering guidance and encouragement while preserving the dignity of families as they take important steps to regain independence. More than eighty percent of network guests secure permanent housing.

Although St. John's is unable to be a host facility because of building code regulations, we are going to be asking our community to get involved in other ways that help SFP reach its goals. To begin with, take a look at their website, www.sfnh.org and read more about the organization. Over the next few months the Outreach Committee will be bringing you more opportunities to learn about SFP and ways to support them.

Seacoast Family Promise 7th Annual Auction

- ◆ Delicious hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, cash bar, silent auction, live auction .
- ◆ Thursday, November 3rd 5:30-9:30 pm at the Jarvis Center, 40 Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth
- ◆ Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. E-mail sihnnh@comcast.net or call (603) 658-844
- ◆ Tickets available at Water Street Bookshop, Exeter and Café Nostimo, Portsmouth

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

St. John’s Stewardship Update for November

As of today we have a total of 47 pledges on our way to our **goal of 300**. Thank you very much for your pledge. If you have yet to submit your pledge, there is still time! Below is a link to the website where you can submit your pledge online or download the pledge card and send it in by mail. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for all you do to support the Building of our Spiritual Home at St. John’s.

Faithfully,

The Clergy, Staff and Vestry of St. John’s

Please do not hesitate to contact the vestry or clergy with any questions or comments.

Online pledge form/email submission:

<http://stjohnsnh.squarespace.com/2011-pledge-form/>

Downloadable/printable form:

<http://stjohnsnh.squarespace.com/storage/2011-Pledge-Form.pdf>

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

Office Information

The Parish Office is open Mon-Thurs, from 9 AM to 3 PM

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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

