

St. John's Episcopal Church  
October 9, 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

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory	
Celebrant:	All things come of thee, O Lord.
<b>People:</b>	<b>And of thine own have we given thee.</b>
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# 10:00 AM THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Prelude: "Sonata in B Minor

J.S. Bach  
Lauren Kaiser, Flute

## THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn: #481 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" GOPSAL

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

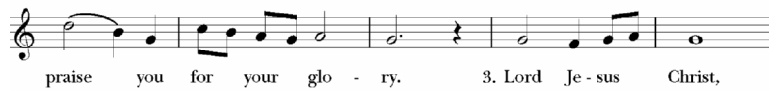
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*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 32:1-14**

*see insert*

**Psalm 23** Psalm spoken in unison

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is  
running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Sequence Hymn: #**321** "My God, thy table now is spread"  
(Verse 1) ROCKINGHAM

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14** *see insert*

Sequence Hymn: #**321** "My God, thy table now is spread"  
(Verse 4) ROCKINGHAM

**The Sermon** The Rev. G. Richard Siener

## 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**

No matter who we are or where we are on our journey of faith, God invites each and every one of us to the wedding banquet. Therefore, let us pray to the host of the feast, for our needs, and the needs of the whole world, saying: Loving God, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who seek to serve in any leadership capacity. 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 polarization and vilification may give rise to mutual respect and cooperation, let us pray: Loving 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. That the church may go out into the streets and invite all people into the wedding banquet, let us pray: Loving 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 Common Table. 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, Myra, Babs, Anne and Rose.

*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*

Loving God, we ask that you hear our prayers and supplications, both those spoken on our lips and those left in our hearts. May all people one day appear clothed with amazing grace at your Son's wedding banquet, to whom be glory forever and ever. **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: "Deep River"

Arr. by Mark Hayes  
Ashley Wade, Soprano

*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: #556 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!"  
(Verses 1-4, 7)

MARION

*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: "King David's Dance"

S. Paulus

***The Worship is over. The Service begins.***

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of  
George & Frances Siener, Stanley &  
Kathryn Day and Richard B. Day*

## Participants

### At 8:00 Service:

Lector: *John Rice*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Andy Bangs, John Rice*

### At 10:00 Service:

Lector: *Carl Eric Johnson*

Intercessor: *Rhett Austell*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Sharon Jenkins, Carl Eric Johnson, Mary Turner*

Music: *Parish Choir and Soloists*

Ushers: *Head Usher: Anne Gabel, Wendy Cote, Brad Lown*

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

## Announcements, October 10, 2011

A Pipe Organ Recital of the Faculty of  
**THE YOUNG ORGANIST COLLABORATIVE**  
will be held at  
St. John's Church • 101 Chapel Street • Portsmouth, NH  
*Bruce Adami, Colin Lynch, Abbey Hallberg Siegfried  
and David Wold will perform.*  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 AT 3:00 P.M.**



*To benefit the Young Organist Collaborative  
Suggested Donation: \$15, \$10 for seniors and students.*

***On October 12th we will be  
CELEBRATING GOD'S VISION OF OUR GARDEN!***

The children will get their hands dirty and show God their appreciation for the gift of the earth that He has blessed us with. By working with our hands we will also be showing our support of our St. John's home and community. Adults... would you like to help out the youth during this special day? ALL are welcome to help ~ this is your opportunity to help with the gardens and support your church. Please bring: garden tools such as clippers, rakes and hand tools. Dress to get dirty and have fun! (Raindate: Oct. 19) contact: Amy Dutton - [education@stjohnsnh.org](mailto:education@stjohnsnh.org) with any questions.

**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](mailto:education@stjohnsnh.org) with any questions.

**"HOW OLD IS ST. JOHN'S?"**

**Bringing History ALIVE at St. John's!**

**OCT. 16 & 23rd**

**during Sunday School from 9:30 - 10:30am**

Historian Sarah Hamill will present the beginning of a series of the history of St. John's. Through restored artwork that will be hung in the Philbrick Room gallery we will tell our amazing story. Strawberry Banke Museum has supported this project by lending us objects to assist in the storytelling! We welcome ALL to attend, parents please plan to stay at least for the first part of the program before church begins. On Nov. 13th the Adult Forum will also be the subject of "How Old Is St. John's". Mark your calendars!

**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](mailto: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. *Please see page 11 in the October newsletter for additional information.*

## **Thank You!!!!!!**

The first weekend of October certainly was filled with sadness and joy as we celebrated the lives of our dear friends Penn Brown and Jean Elliott. To have one funeral is a major culmination of community, but to have two is extraordinary.

We list here those who contributed food and service throughout the weekend. Please know that there are names missing as so many brought food and we had not connected with all of you. That being said, our deepest thanks to those of you on this list and those who are not but gave of yourselves.

Thank you Kathryn Saunders, Ginny Blood, Karen Pierce, Heather Thomsen, Anna Kay Vorsteg, Ann Reiner, Cindy Pray, Kate Mulhern, Candace Manero, Marion Ellis, Jessie Kent, Jean Lincoln, Ellie Sanderson, Ann Wheeler, Sandra Pagel, Nancy Zaramba, Karen Zaramba, Christine Nichols, Eunice Lawrence, Carol Renselaer, Judy Howard, Sharon Jenkins, Wendy Cote, Jane Holway, Barbara Newell, Jennifer Stevens, Ed Lowry, Ken Hale, John Stromgren, Louise Young, Margaret Sofio, Bertha Rocray, Jack Meffin, Judy Roberts, Chris Sieve, and Penny Kelly.

We could not have existed without the help of those in the kitchen: Barbara and Jack Doane, Margaret Sofio, Bertha Rocray, Barbara Newell, Elaine Wilson, and Sandra Pagel, It is such a privelege for us to work with such a loving and giving community. You are always there when the need arises and we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Reception co-chairs, Suzi Raeside and Gladys Butterworth

## **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

