

**St. John's Episcopal Church
February 20, 2011**



*Welcome
Home*

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

8am Holy Eucharist - Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer 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
Agnus Dei	BCP p.337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p.337

All are invited to come forward for communion.

Post Communion Prayer	BCP p.339
The Blessing	
Dismissal	

10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Please enter the church in silence to allow for people to pray before the service.

Prelude: "Adagio" from Sonata III

F. Mendelssohn

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn: #518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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

People ***And blessed be his 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.

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

The First Reading: Leviticus 1-2, 9-18

see insert

Psalm: 119: 33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it | to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your law; ***
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of | your commandments, *
for that is | my desire.

36 **Incline my heart to | your decrees ***
and not to | unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching | what is worthless; *
give me life | in your ways.

- 38 Fulfill your promise | to your servant, *
which you make to | those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away the reproach | which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for | your commandments; *
in your righteousness pre|serve my life**

*During the Sequence Hymn, children are invited to follow the cross to
Children's Chapel in Thaxter Hall.*

Sequence Hymn: #**394** "Creating God, your fingers trace"
(Verses 1-2) WILDERNESS

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48 *see insert*

Sequence Hymn: #**394** "Creating God, your fingers trace"
(Verses 3-4) WILDERNESS

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 those seeking to follow the Prince of Peace, let us bring
before God our needs, our resentments, and our desires, as well
as the petitions of the whole world, saying: Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for any and all leaders. We pray especially for Barack,
our president, for John, the governor of New Hampshire, and
for Paul, the governor of Maine. We pray especially for the
people of Egypt, Bahrain, Iran and any area of military or
political conflict. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***

We pray for the Church, for Katherine, our presiding bishop, for
Gene, our bishop, for our staff and clergy, for the vestry and
wardens of this parish, and for all of its members. We pray that
we might follow Christ's call to give to all, and to turn the other
cheek. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***

We pray for our enemies: for those with whom we disagree, for
those who have caused us harm, and for those we would like
not to love. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***

We pray for all and any in need, for the sick, the suffering, for the oppressed and the marginalized, and especially for Karen, Margaret, Irene, Joan, Kenneth, Amy, Bob, Ben and Family, The Culman Family, Tommie, Roger, Cada, Sally, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Sarah and family, Don, Tracy, Pam, Paul and Mary, Jim, Sue and Charlie, Gloria, Scott, Rita, Anneliese, Sharon, Mallory, Mary, Isabelle, Bernice, Catherine, Bob, Robert and Family, and Charlotte.

People may add their own petitions.

Silence may be kept.

For all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People may add their own petitions.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Almighty and merciful God, we bring before you this morning all that we are, and all that we carry. Hear our supplications, give us that which we need, and help us to hear the compassionate voice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP. 360

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.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

<i>The children return from Children's Chapel in Thaxter Hall.</i>
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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" B. Chilcot

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B) BCP p.367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says:

Sursum corda *The Hymnal 1982*

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 our thanks and praise**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven 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:

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.

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.

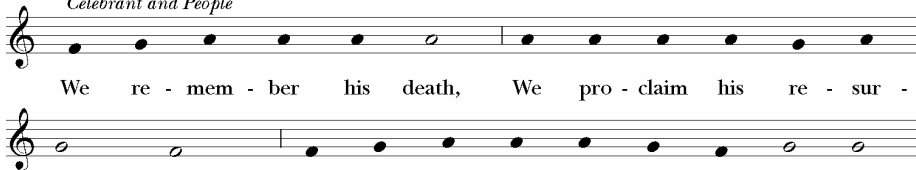
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had 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."

Celebrant



There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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

People and Celebrant

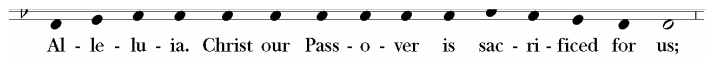
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

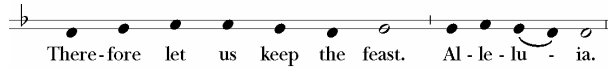
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant:



People:



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: "Lovely Day" K. Franklin

Communion Hymn: #602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"
CHERE PONI

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: #636 “How firm a foundation, ye saints of
the Lord” FOUNDATION

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: “Allegro-Fugue” from Sonata III F. Mendelssohn

The Worship is over. The Service begins.

Participants

At 8:00 Service:

Lector: *Jim Zuckerman*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jane Holway, Jim Zuckerman*

At 10:00 Service:

Lector: *Katy Brandin*

Intercessor: *Anne Rehner*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jane Nold, Sandra Pagel, Alice McDaniel*

Ushers: *Head Usher: Ron Moore, Bob Mennel, Wendy Cote,
Arthur Parrott*

Altar Guild: *Sallie Mackie, Susan Mennel, Sarah Todd, Jane
Holway*

Announcements – February 20, 2011

All phone numbers listed are within the (603) NH area code unless noted otherwise.

Prayer List Updated

At the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday on March 9th), St. John's will be renewing the prayer list. This is an effort to keep it updated, not to exclude anyone. Therefore, if you would like to remain on the list, or would like someone else to be placed or kept on the list, please contact Joanne at administrator@stjohnsnh.org.

A note from the Economy Shop...

A thank you to all who have so generously donated to the shop! Your donations are still most welcome, but we are full to capacity with winter items, and have limited storage. We are now accepting only spring/summer donations of clothing. We are still accepting housewares, bedding, toys and books.
Thank you.

MWH YOUTH

Sharing wisdom for all ages

All middle schoolers are invited to connect with a resident of Mark Wentworth Home on Mondays during Lent from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. Contact Amy Dutton and we'll get you paired up. You can reach Amy at education@stjohnsnh.org or 207-337-2020

**SEACOAST FAMILY FOOD PANTRY
HELP FILL THE RED WAGON SEVERAL TIMES OVER!!!**

Diane Giese, executive director of the Seacoast Family Food Pantry, was recently quoted in the Portsmouth Herald stating that the donations of food and personal care items has “plunged” 20% but the need has risen by 20%. She said that this is a slow period for donations before the holidays.



Young and old are invited to look at the “wish list” below and then make a difference to someone needy by helping to fill the red wagon which will be placed in Thaxter Hall. The whole parish is invited to participate. As soon as the wagon is filled, items will go immediately to the Food Pantry and then we can fill it again, again and again!! Thank you for caring enough to share. St. John’s Outreach Committee.

Seacoast Family Food Pantry Wish List

Canned Vegetables – especially low sodium, Pasta Sauce and other tomato products, Canned Fruits in fruit juice and 100 % Fruit Juice, Cold and Hot Cereals with little or no added sugar, Mac and Cheese and non Spaghetti pasta, Condiments, Brown and White Rice, Healthy, Snacks: Popcorn, Raisins, Whole Grain Crackers, Nuts, Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Shelf stable Milk products, Canned beans including Chick Peas, Kidney Beans, Black Beans and Baked Beans, Coffee and Tea Personal Care Items: Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Diapers – larger sizes

Anyone interested in carpooling to April Alford’s wedding in Connecticut on May 7th, please call Dorothy Polando at 603-431-6052



Call for Lay Eucharist Minister and Lectors

If you have ever wanted to participate more fully in the worship service, becoming a LEM or a Lector could provide an opportunity for a more meaningful experience. Rob or Jeff can provide more information regarding this commitment, or speak to a current LEM or Lector who can share their personal experience.



Sunday, February 27th

∞ **No Sunday school for
children or youth, due to
NH school vacation**

Wednesday, March 2nd

∞ **No Mission: Economy
Shop and Choirs, due to
NH school vacation**

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*
Sandra Pagel, *Financial Administrator*
Joanne Ferguson, *Office Administrator*
Chris Sieve, *Senior Warden*
Scott Osgood, *Junior Warden*
Peter Tarlton, *Treasurer*
Dani Megliola, *Clerk*
Vestry: Andy Bangs, Jim Breen, Dick Davidson,
Bruce Dicker, Kathy Flygare, Susan Fockler,
Jane Holway, Chris Kozak, Robert Mood,
Margaret Sofio, John Tabor, Anna Kay Vorsteg

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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

5:30 PM "Come as you are" Service

Thursdays

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Sundays

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM Children and Adult Christian Education

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Parish Choirs

11:00 AM Coffee Hour