

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Third Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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.*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

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The Holy Communion

Offertory	
<i>Celebrant</i>	All things come of thee, O Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>And of thine own have we given thee.</i>
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The Blessing	
Dismissal	

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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

Prelude: "Arioso"

J.S. Bach

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn: #492 "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

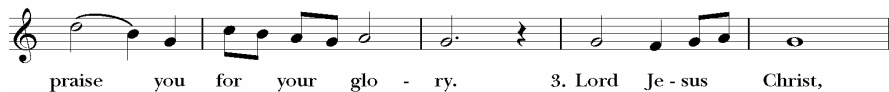
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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



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: Acts 2a: 14a, 36-41

see insert

Psalm 116

The Hymntune Psalter

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my |
supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called
upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took | hold of me; *
I came to | grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name | of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."
- 10 How shall I re|pay the LORD *
for all the good things he has | done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup | of salvation *
and call upon the Name | of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight | of the LORD *
is the death | of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I | am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name | of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD *
in the presence of | all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of | the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

<p><i>During the Sequence Hymn, children are invited to follow the banner to Children's Chapel in Thaxter Hall.</i></p>

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| Sequence Hymn #208 "The strife is o'er"
(Verses 1 and 2) | VICTORY |
| The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35 | <i>see insert</i> |
| Sequence Hymn #208 "The strife is o'er"
(Verse 5) | VICTORY |

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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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

In celebration of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us join together this morning as those who strive to follow the Way, saying: In the name of the Risen Christ, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the Church, that just as Jesus commanded Peter to feed his sheep, so may we love and serve our risen Lord in service of one another, especially the least among us. We pray for the people of this parish, her vestry, and her staff and clergy. As a community, may we discern the direction that God continues to guide us. In the name of the Risen Christ, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the world, especially areas of conflict, destruction, or oppression. We pray for victims of catastrophic weather, and for the conflict that still rages throughout the Middle East and around the world. We pray the victims of the violence of this world and for those who participate. May Christ's face shine upon those who weep this day. In the name of the Risen Christ, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our enemies and those who persecute us. We pray for the soul of Osama Bin Laden. We pray for those whose difference from us causes us fear and anger. May the peace and love that surpasses understanding guide our hearts and minds. In the name of the Risen Christ, ***hear our prayer.***

Just as the disciples were able to share a meal with the risen Lord, so to has Christ appeared in our lives, in different ways. We pray in thanksgiving for our many blessings. We give you thanks for the gift of motherhood. Give mothers strength, wisdom and courage to live and love well. Help them to know that You are with them always. In the name of the Risen Christ, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for those among us, and those known to us who are in need, especially Tracey, Catherine, Helma, Joan, Martha, Rosemarie, Don, Mallory, Charlotte, Mollie, Rick, Rita, Tom,

Roger, Gloria, Ben and Family, Jim, Riley, Carolyn, Marilyn, Keith, Martha, Bernice, Kate, Michael, Anneliese, Amy, Mitch & Family, Eric and Yamnah.

Here any other intercessions may be added.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our intercessions, both those spoken on our lips, and those left in our hearts. Hear us, guide us, and enable us to see the face of your resurrected Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.**

The children return from Children's Chapel in Thaxter Hall.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: "Easter Anthem"

W. Billings

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Sursum Corda

The Hymnal 1982

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

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 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.

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.*

Cantor *Choir* *Congregation & Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. 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: "Let the people praise thee, O God"
W. Mathias

Communion Hymn: #305 "Come risen Lord, and deign to be
our guest" ROSEDALE

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: #182 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"
TRURO

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: "Prelude in B Minor" J.S. Bach

The Worship is over. The Service begins.

Participants

At 8:00 Service:

Lector: Charlie Nichols

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Holway, Charlie Nichols

At 10:00 Service:

Lector: Bill Jones *Intercessor:* Wendy Cote

Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Cote, Ken Moore, Liz Wright

Ushers: Head Usher- Anne Gabel; Jack Meffen and Ronan Donahue

Altar Guild: Al and Ginny Edwards, Joan Kulickowski, Vicki Boyd,
JoAnn Warren

Announcements

Over the Rainbow

Uncommon Table Gala Fundraiser

Friday, June 10, 2011

Tickets on Sale

In person: Thaxter Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 services.

By mail: pick up an order form in the church office or e-mail Susan Fockler at safockler@comcast.net or call her at

603-679-1766

Tickets are \$45 person

MENU

Spring Garden Tart
fresh asparagus, Swiss chard, and spring onions in puff pastry with
warm goat cheese, roasted tomato coulis, and fresh basil cream.
Roasted Rosemary and Garlic Studded Pork Loin
with crispy almond crunchies and sherry cream sauce
(vegetarian option available)
Pan-fried parmesan risotto cakes and lemony haricot verts
Homemade strawberry rhubarb pie with cinnamon and ginger-infused
fresh whipped cream
Wine and other beverages

Volunteer

To volunteer for the *Uncommon Table*, contact Judy Roberts (603-778-2357; lj7222@comcast.net) or Margaret Sofio (603-431-6363; msofio@gmail.com).

Volunteer to decorate a table: A most fun project—use your imagination! Contact Laurel Miller (603-379-2369; laurelmiller@gmail.com).

DONATE

Auction and Raffle items: Red Sox or Pats tickets, a case of wine, time shares, frequent-flyer miles, theater tickets, items of value, or a special skill, such as garden design. Contact: Lew Roberts (603-778-2357, lj7222@comcast.net).

The funds raised through the *Uncommon Table* allow us to provide food for the meals we prepare and serve each Thursday at Common Table. We serve about 160 meals every week. The need is great and continues to increase.

Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation

If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed on June 12th at the Bishop's visit, please contact Jeff associaterector@stjohnsnh.org. This opportunity is open to anyone who has attended either the Wednesday OR Sunday Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation group during Lent

AND it is open to anyone else.

Please contact Jeff as soon as possible to be registered.
Deadline to register is Sunday, May 22nd.

Spring Rite 13 Lock-In!

There will be a **Rite 13 Lock In on Friday Night, May 20th!** We will begin at the Church at 5pm and pick up is at 8am on Saturday morning. We will be watching the musical, so if you or your youth are in the musical, don't worry! Just stay afterward for the Lock In. This will be a blast! Please RSVP to Jeff if you or your youth will attend.

Grants for archival work at St. John's

The Archives Committee is happy to announce that we have just received two grants for professional archival work. One is for \$1275 from St John's Masonic Lodge #1 in Portsmouth. The second is for \$1500 which has been donated by our neighbor, Optima Bank on Bow Street. We are extremely grateful to both these donors. With these funds in hand we hope to complete most if not all the archival work. We have sorted the materials and listed them in chronological order before transferring them to the Portsmouth Athenaeum where they will be available to researchers in the future. The North Church, South Church and Portsmouth Historical Society all have their records archived as ours will be. Sarah Hamill for the Archives Committee

SUNDAY... Mother's Day

!! We will be painting sets for the musical "The Wizard of Oz" (performances: May 20 @ 6pm & May 22 @ 11:45am). PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR PAINTING CLOTHING! We are just about guaranteed to be messy!

Seacoast Family Food Pantry Collection

For the next five weeks of Easter - continuing through Sunday, June 5 - we will continue our support of the Seacoast Family Food Pantry with a fun and friendly competition!

The center aisle of the church is the "dividing line" between our "teams." If you normally sit on the **left** side of the church, please bring jars of peanut butter. If you normally sit on the **right** side, bring jelly. Remember to contribute weekly - hunger and food security is an issue in our community *every day!* The items will be collected in bins as you enter church and after being brought forward and blessed at the offertory, will be stored by the historic font. Watch the piles grow and we'll see which side of the church is the winner at Pentecost.

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 AM Children and Adult Christian Education
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Parish Choirs
11:00 AM Coffee Hour

