

St. John's Episcopal Church  
September 25, 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

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<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: Prelude in C Major: "9/8", BWV 547 J.S. Bach

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

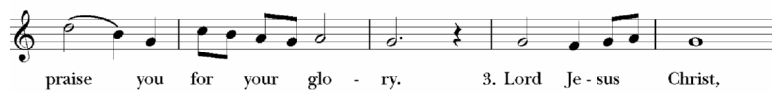
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*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: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32**

*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**

Through love and grace, God calls us to life giving transformation. In the spirit of hope, let us raise our voices in prayer for our needs, and for the needs of the world, saying: Loving 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 leaders will seek to embody what they espouse, 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 we may all seek transformation together in community, 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 Loves Harvest Garden in Malawi. 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, Riley, 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 Penn 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.

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

*Celebrant*

Ours is a God of mercy, who does not act according to our sins, nor holds love contingent. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. 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.*

*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.**

*The children return from Sunday School in Thaxter Hall.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Lovely Day"

K. Franklin

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A BCP. 361*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or 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 lyrics are as follows:

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

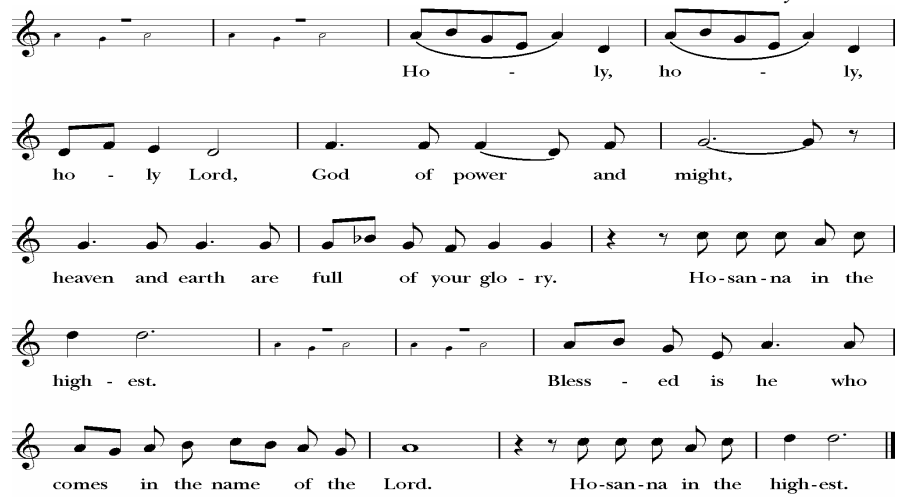
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 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:*

*and may add* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
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: "Great Day"

Trad. Spiritual, arr. M. Hogan

*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: #450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

*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: "Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

J.S. Bach

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

*The flowers on the altar are given  
in the memory of Dante Caminati.*

### **Participants**

#### **At 8:00 Service:**

Lector: *John Stromgren*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Karen Pierce, John Stromgren*

#### **At 10:00 Service:**

Lector: *Rick Miller*

Intercessor: *Katy Brandin*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Wendy Cote, Alice McDaniel,  
Buddy Whitmyer*

Music: *Jr/Sr High Ensemble; Parish Choir*

Ushers: *Head Usher - Jack Meffen; Bob Mennel; Dixon  
Turner; Chris Shultz; Randy Carey*

Altar Guild: *Bob and Joan Alessi, Alice Alford, Judy  
Perley, Sarah Todd, Ann Ringling*

### **Announcements – September 25, 2011**

#### ***St. John's Loafers***

*"This is the bread that comes down from heaven."* John 6:50

At St. John's we welcome visitors and newcomers with a loaf of freshly-baked bread to take home. We need bakers to continue this much appreciated ministry. If you feel called to creating "*Welcome to St. John's Bread*" please contact Christine Niles at (603)502-0889, or [SeptemberLuna@comcast.net](mailto:SeptemberLuna@comcast.net).

*With heart opening, hands offering, may everything be full of delicious  
warmth and kindness. Cook, offer yourself, hold nothing back*

*Ed Espe Brown*

## **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.

# Blessing of the Animals

October 5, 2011 at 5:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church

101 Chapel St.

Portsmouth, NH

[www.stjohnsnh.org](http://www.stjohnsnh.org)

Rain or Shine



## **SUNDAY PROGRAMS**

**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**

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### **MISSION: ECONOMY SHOP**

**Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30, Starting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **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.

### **Gift Guidelines**

- ◆ We group gifts in the following age groups: Birth to 1; ages 2-4; 5-7; 8-11; and 12-15.
- ◆ Gifts should not exceed \$20. If a \$20 gift or donation is not possible, any amount will be gratefully received.
- ◆ One \$20 gift is preferable to four \$5 gifts as it is difficult to group smaller items together.
- ◆ If your gift requires batteries, ***please*** purchase those as well and attach them to the gift.
- ◆ We hope to collect a new book for each child so a child receives a gift ***and*** a book.
- ◆ Consider buying a gift suitable for both boys and girls such as balls or board games.
- ◆ Remember the older children. There is always a shortage of gifts for them. Small electronics, music or movies might be suitable.
- ◆ Used items, homemade items, or gift cards ***can not*** be accepted.

## **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

