



**WELCOME!**

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

**CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S**

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

*The altar flowers are given in remembrance of Dewey Friedlund and Jim Friedlund who shared the love of flying.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 616

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

## GATHERING HYMN

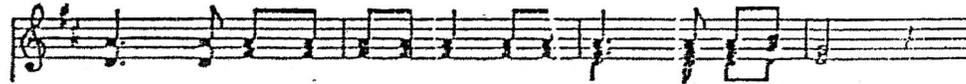
“Surely the Presence of the Lord”



Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can



feel His might-y pow- er and His grace. \_\_\_\_\_ I can



hear the brush of an-gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;



Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place. *Repeat*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

**GENESIS 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 105:1-11, 45B**

*Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
**continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
**his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
**his judgments prevail in all the world.**
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
**the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
**the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
**an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
**to be your allotted inheritance."**
- 45 **Hallelujah!**

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**ROMANS 8:26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Lector*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Episcopal Church of  
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Holy Nativity, Kinnear

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Capt. Drake Kuebler

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Stan Burch  
Peter Cook & Family  
Meghan Davis  
Faith Eisenman  
Julie Estep  
Joyce Goode  
Frank Halcromb  
Donald Hardie  
Jonna Holden  
John Jackson  
Patrick Johnson  
Alic Kelso  
Emily Knobloch  
Barbara Macfarlane  
Robert & Lois Martin  
Hunter McLain  
The Mertz Family  
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Suzie Sheffield  
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Parker Steveson  
Beverly Stone  
Mike Tepe  
Luca Trento  
Juliana Walton  
Carla Watsabaugh  
Chuck Webber  
Ann Willott

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Ayers  
Susan Bailey  
Debra Bishop  
Amelia Davenport  
Mike Estes  
Robbi Farrow  
Caroline Janney  
Andrew Langford  
Shawn Means  
Jackson Todd  
Robin Usher  
Robin Weiss

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Matt & Ann Barrett Hazard  
Frank & Sally Johnson  
Thomas & Natalia Macker  
John & Carmina Oaks  
Trey & Tricia Overdyke  
Steven & Karen Smith

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

“Celtic Alleluia”

*The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel*

*The hymn is repeated before the Gospel and then again after the Gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL****MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Margaret Hutton

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP): P. 358**

*The People stand as able and say together*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BCP: FORM III, P. 387**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP: P. 360**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

## THE PEACE

*The People stand as able*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more information on what is happening around the parish.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“He Never Failed Me Yet” by Robert Ray

I will sing of God’s mercy every day, every hour He gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.  
He is my God and I’ll serve Him no matter what the test.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm and I know that He’ll keep you safe from all earthly harm.  
One day when my weary soul is at rest I’m going home to be forever blessed.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.  
I will sing of God’s mercy every day, every hour He gives me power.

Didn’t my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?  
And didn’t He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?  
When I think of what my God can do He delivered Daniel I know He will deliver you.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

I will sing of God’s mercy every day, every hour He gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.  
He is my God and I’ll serve Him no matter what the test.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“In the Lord” Taize Songbook

*The People stand as able*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your  
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Chord symbols: C, Bb, A, Dm, C, F, Bb, C, Am, Dm, Bb, C, F

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B, P. 367

*The People remain standing*

## SANCTUS

*The Celebrant & the People sing together*

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” Wonder, Love, and Praise 858



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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

“Alleluia” Taize



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive communion. The bread will be placed in your hand. Please drink from the chalice of wine. If you prefer, leave the bread in your palm and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place the bread on your tongue. You may also receive the bread only and return to your seat. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms.*

*A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium during Communion.*



## COMMUNION HYMNS

*The People are invited to sing*

“Take my life, and let it be” The Hymnal 707

“Bread of the world, in mercy broken” The Hymnal 301

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*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.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” vs. 1-2, Lift Every Voice and Sing 72



1. I am weak but thou art strong; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Through this world of toil and snares, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, \_\_\_\_\_  
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, \_\_\_\_\_



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be sat - is - fied as  
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? \_\_\_\_\_ Who with me my bur - den  
3. Time for me will be no more; \_\_\_\_\_ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly  
Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, \_\_\_\_\_ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



*D.C. for Refrain*  
1. long \_\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
2. shares? \_\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
3. o'er \_\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.  
Refrain: thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.*



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

**To learn more about St. John's Episcopal Church go to our website, [stjohnsjackson.org](http://stjohnsjackson.org).**

The Reverend Jimmy Bartz, Rector

The Reverend Brian Nystrom

The Reverend Suzanne Harris

The Reverend Mary Erickson

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