

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026
8:45 & 11:00am



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.

Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

Reminders for Worship

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Formation is available for children, youth, and adults most Sundays from 10:10 to 10:45am in our Parish House complex across Rutledge Drive.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: Two Settings of "He is Risen!"

Mark Sedio; Ronald Nelson

Welcome & Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: #208 Alleluia! The strife is o'er the battle done

Victory

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So

those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and sung in unison at 11:00. The 11:00 congregation remains seated as it sings the Psalm.



Chant setting, #410 from *The Hymnal 1982, Service Music* — Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945).
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1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli- / cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up- / on 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 repay the / LORD *
for all the good things he has / done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation *
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,**

Sing second half of chant for verse 17.

17 In the courts of the LORD's / house, *
in the midst of you, O Je- / rusalem.

**Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,*
and to the Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is / now,*
and will be for ever, a- / men.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.

GRADUAL HYMN: #180 He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.

The Nicene Creed

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively. The Leader begins

As we celebrate with joy the Good News of Christ's resurrection this Eastertide, let us pray that we may trust in him to transform us into the risen Body of Christ so that his joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

We thank you, Almighty God, for coming to be with us in Christ Jesus; for his teachings and example, for redeeming us through his death, and for allowing us to share in his resurrection; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, be with your Church in this community and across the world: build in us a capacity to trust you and to care for each other, make us one as you and Christ are one, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to not despair when we grow weary from the good work you give us to do or when our eyes grow dim and we struggle to see you at work around us. Remind us in each moment that you are with us always, even to the end of the age, and that your power is working in us to do far more than we can ask or imagine; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with all lay people in their ministry to represent Christ and his Church. Be with our clergy, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop, and be with Kathy and Josh, our priests. Inspire them, sustain them, and bless them in their ministry to us and to those in need; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of this fragile earth, our island home. The beauty of this world surrounds us with your goodness and we are sustained by your grace through her gifts. Helps us to be good and faithful stewards of this planet so that we may honor you in our care for all of your Creation; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those nearby and around the world who are in need, [*especially* _____]. We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and those in danger. As your compassion is endless, renew us to respond with your love to our brothers and sisters who are hurting; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our Sovereign, bless the leaders of our land, especially Donald, our president, and Josh, our governor, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us in our earthly citizenship to work together for the Common Good, to listen well to each other, to offer our hearts and hands in service to our community, and to seek the good of our neighbors and enemies alike; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; And be with those on our parish prayer list: Robert, Julie, Alicia, Jeff, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Chris, Nai, Brylin, Marilyn, Edgar, Ginger, Bob, Dottie, and Ceil. Are there others?

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we remember this Eastertide all who have died [*especially _____*].

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

Continue to sanctify them and, through your Son Christ our Lord, may they rest in peace and rise in glory; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.
Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.*



OFFERTORY MUSIC:

8:45 Victory

Alan Bullard

11:00 Down in the River to Pray

Spiritual, arr. Robert Lee

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way,
O mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,
O mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

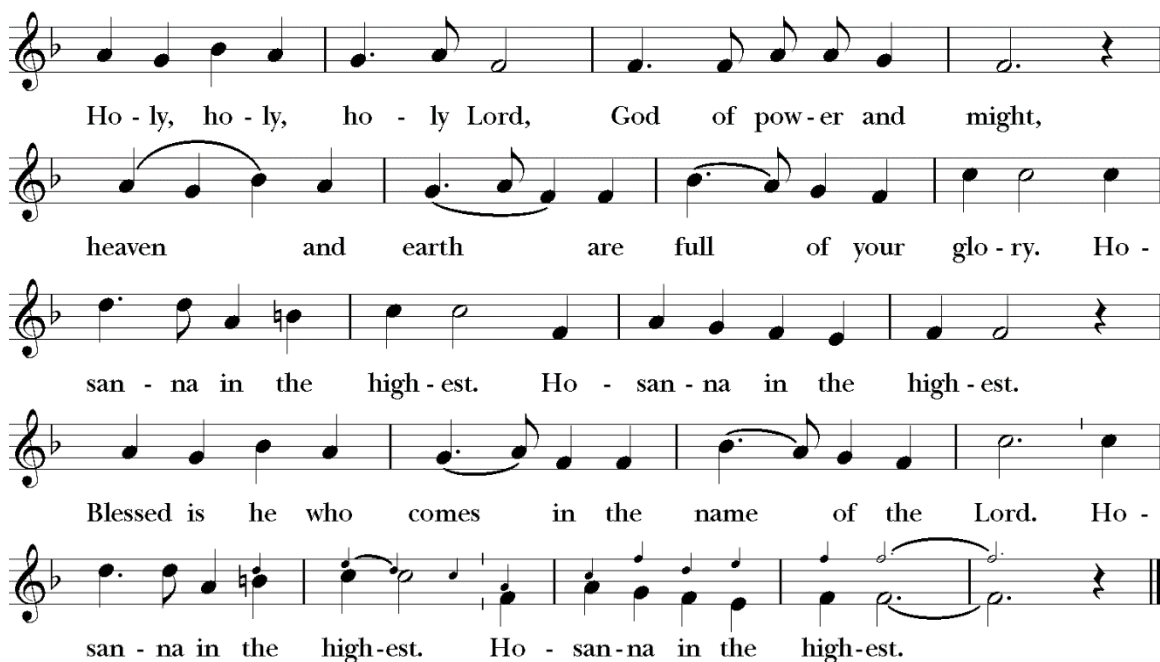
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

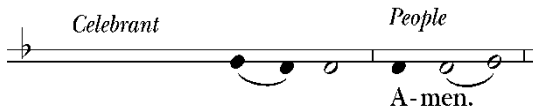
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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.

The Celebrant continues

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors in the back of the bulletin.

The choir often begins by singing while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's musical offering, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

8:45 Now the Green Blade Rises

Mark Sedio

11:00 Love is Come Again

arr. John Erickson

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Christ the Lord is risen, sing Alleluia! Ris'n for our salvation, sing Alleluia!
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat that springeth green!

COMMUNION HYMN: #305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest *Rosedale*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's
body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.

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

DISMISSAL HYMN: #296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Michael Helman

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Robert Odean; Julie Morse; Alicia Wallace; Jeff; Betsy Thagard; Tawana Gibbs; Chuck King; Chris, Nai, and Brylin Price; Marilyn Jones; Edgar Ham; Ginger Quarles; Bob Lipinoga; Dottie Dalzell; and Ceil Salvadori.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Vickie Livingston Shaw, *by Francis and Cal McMeekin.*

Eucharistic Visitors share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

To Our Visitors: We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	The Third Sunday of Easter April 19		The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	Sandra Jeffery	E. Christenbury	Mary Anne Inglis	Bill Taylor
Acolytes	Danielle Pharr	Anita Reid	Jasmine Pharr	Cora Fitzpatrick Joey Saltz Sofia Ridgeway
Ushers	Jerry Holt Clint Adams	John Knapp Lisa Kauffman	Marlin Sanders Stu Holcombe	Hilton Swing Ned Curtis
Greeters	Lynne Miller Judy Petersen	Carmen & Ned Curtis	Brenda Hillyer Margaret Barker	Jann & Jim Cooper
Cart Drivers	Jim Olson	Bob Staples	Jill Owen	Scott Bell
Videography (Service)	E. Wiescholek	N/A	N/A	Tom Griswold
Videography (Formation)	Tom Griswold		BJ McKee	
Altar Guild	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee	Diane Skelton Jim Cooper <i>(Brass)</i>	Sandra Jeffery Lynne Miller	Susan Gibbs Michael Jeffery <i>(Brass)</i>
Flower Guild	Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup		Jan Tanner	
Opening Gatekeeper	Clint Adams		George Grzenda & BJ McKee	
Closing Gatekeeper	Lynne Miller		Lynne Miller	



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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Jim Cooper, *Junior Warden (2027)*

2026

Jon Fitzpatrick
Sandy Skelton

2027

Kitty Olson
Catherine Popp
Steve Sittnick

2028

Liz Carson
Mark Delk
Worth Gordon
Lynne Miller

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Appointments: Carol Rector

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New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer & Judy Petersen

Outreach: Jennifer Shelton

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: Jim and Jann Cooper

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Flower Guild: Patrice German

Flower Memorials: Gaston Motes

Funeral Reception Ministry: Brenda Hillyer

Garden Guild: Jerry Tanner

Gatekeepers: BJ McKee

Golf Cart Ministry: Jill Owen

Good News Gardeners: Cathy & David Burge

Greeters: Worth Gordon & Carmen Curtis

Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee: John Barker

Holy Hikes-WNC: Cynthia Easterling

Lay Readers: Mark Delk

Meal Ministry: Catherine Popp

Needle Work Ministry: Judy Petersen

Sustainability: Elizabeth Christenbury

Ushers: Clint Adams & Bettie Orr

Visitor Ministry: Clint Adams

Wedding Coordinator: Elaine Howe