

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022  
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 and Reminders

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. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## Reminders for Worship

- Masks are recommended but not required.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- 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.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: Improvisation on the Hymn "Crimond"

Eric Thiman

Welcome & Announcements

Fr. Josh Stephens

ENTRANCE HYMN: No. 366 Holy God, we praise thy name

Grosser Gott



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,  
\*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;  
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.  
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.



6 Thou didst take the sting from death,  
Son of God, as Savior given;  
on the cross thy dying breath  
opened wide the realm of heaven.  
In the glory of that land  
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.  
Savior, who hast died to win us,  
help thy servants, drawing near.  
Lord, renew our hearts within us.  
Grant that with thy saints we may  
dwell in everlasting day.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

*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 - mighty 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 -  
travel communion kit  
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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

Please sing the refrain where indicated.

Malcolm Williamson



The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever. **REFRAIN**

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, a  
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. **REFRAIN**

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing, brought me. **REFRAIN**

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me. **REFRAIN**

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And o what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth! **REFRAIN**

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever. **REFRAIN**

### Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn.

GRADUAL HYMN: No. 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel:** John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Fr. Josh Stephens

*All stand.*

**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

This Easter season, we are shaped into Christ's resurrection community. With death now defeated, let us boldly pray for the Church and the world, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joseph, our president, and Roy, our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; we pray especially for Kay, Chris, Joanne, Katherine, Lois, JoAnn, Ann, Helen, Chuck, Herb, Sandy, Debbie, Barb, Jack, Herb, Rachel, Vlada, Eve, & Ivanka, Adam, Jim, Bob, Todd, Josh, Shelby, Terry, Dottie, Legare, and those we name before you now.

*The People may add their own petitions*

That being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Ludwik Bochynek.

*The People may add their own petitions*

And those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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 HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 8:45 The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) Howard Goodall  
Candace Lewis, soprano

11:00 The Lord My God My Shepherd Is Jesse Seymore Irvine  
Text by F. Bland Tucker

The Lord my God my shepherd is; how could I want or need?  
In pastures green, by streams serene, he safely doth me lead.  
To wholeness he restores my soul and doth in mercy bless,  
and helps me take for his Name's sake the paths of righteousness.  
Yea, even when I must pass through the valley of death's shade, I will not fear,  
for thou art here, to comfort and to aid.  
thou hast in grace my table spread secure in all alarms,  
And filled my cup, and borne me up in everlasting arms.  
Then surely I can trust thy love for all the days to come,  
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell for ever in thy home.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Praise God from whom all blessings flow *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

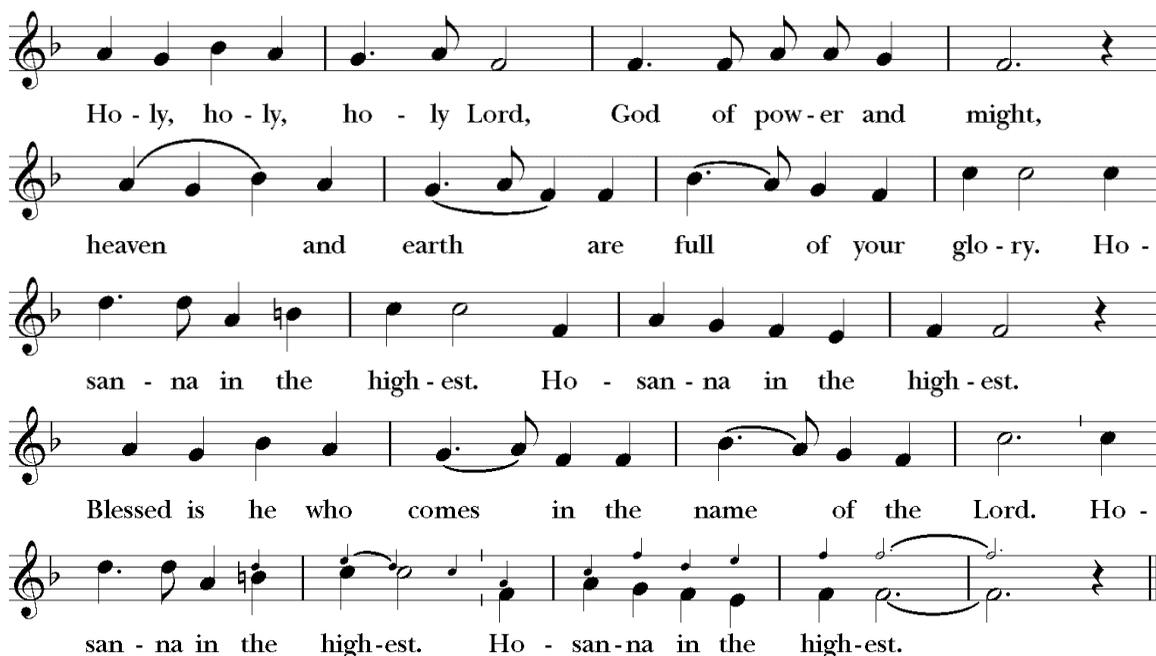
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with 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. **Amen.**

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

*People*      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.

*and may add*      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. We are not drinking from the chalice or practicing intinction, but the chalice will be presented to you visually and verbally. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

### 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.

*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: No. 523 Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Abbot's Leigh*

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they  
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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## The Dismissal

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

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

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

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Grosser Gott"

Alec Wyton

## Summer Coffee Hours to Resume on Sunday, May 15 Won't You Please Host One?



The much-enjoyed coffee hour after services from May through September will be returning next month. Coffee time is an informal opportunity for the fellowship we all enjoy – *and* it is an important way in which we as a church and as individuals connect with visitors, new members, and our parish family.

The Welcome Ministry at St. John needs folks who will help continue this important tradition. Hosting coffee time is easy! You provide beverages and snacks... Almost all the other items needed for the Coffee Hour are stored in cabinets at the church. Detailed instructions are provided. Please volunteer for just one Sunday this year – your help is needed and valued.

Contact Judy Petersen (828-697-1967; [jpsewnsew@aol.com](mailto:jpsewnsew@aol.com)) for more information, or let the Parish Office know of your interest, and Sarah will pass along your name.

**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: Kay Arnold, Chris, Joanne Adams, Katherine Gee Thaxton, Lois Karcher, Ann Stringfield, Helen Higgins, Chuck King, Herb Quarles, Sandy Bernreuter, Debbie O'Brien, Barb Mendel, Jack Presseau, Herb Mahan, Rachel Bradford, Vlada, Eve, & Ivanka, Adam Sherrill, Jim Kehl, Bob Sundeen, Todd, Josh Verner, Shelby White, Terry Bettendorf, Dottie Dalzell, and Legare Head.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of our departed mothers, by Bill and Mary Howe.

**To our visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. 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!

**We give thanks to the following for their ministry to our church:**

	May 8, 2022		May 15, 2022	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Robin Howe	ER Haire, Jr.	Sandra Jeffery	Julianna Savage
Acolyte	Elaine Howe	Abby Stephens	Elaine Howe	Julianna Savage
Ushers	Jim Spry	David Christenbury	Clint Adams	John Knapp
	Debby Staton	Karen Conley	Jerry Holt	Sandy Gulbrandsen
Greeters	Brenda Hillyer	Karen Conley	Dottie Dalzell	Vickie Taylor
	Judy Petersen		Patrice German	
Cart Driver	Marlin Sanders	Jason Blackwell	BJ McKee/ George Grzenda	Chris Kanipe
Eucharistic Visitors			Mike Covell	Meg & Jerry Holt
			Clint Adams	
Altar Guild	Robin & Elaine Howe	Marti Smith Anna Kinsey	Cathryn Harrell	Vickie & Bill Taylor
	Sally Hopper	Elaine Harris	Robin Howe	
Opening Gatekeeper	Jill & Mark Owen		Jill & Mark Owen	
Closing Gatekeeper	Gibson Sims		Gibson Sims	
Flower Guild	Galen Reuther & Jim Wagner		Catherine Richardson	

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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*In the case of a pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office and dial 4.*

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

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

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

The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop

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## VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden: Jennifer Shelton

Junior Warden: Gibson Sims

2022

Clint Adams

Dick Zecher

2023

John Barker

Elizabeth Christenbury

Lynn Wiescholek

2024

E.R. Haire, Jr.

Marisa Pharr

Will Rodriguez

Kim Sanders

## PARISH OFFICERS

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Robin Howe

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Mary Anne Inglis

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Susan MacDonald

Historic Churchyard Committee: Ken Jones

New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

Outreach: Jennifer Shelton

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: David Christenbury

## OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Lynn Savage

Altar Guild: Kathy Newbold, Cathryn Harrell

Chefs of St. John: Jim Vint

Churchyard Trustees: Pete Petersen

Docents: E.R. Haire, Jr.

Endowment Trustees: Robin Howe

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Eucharistic Visitors: Dick Zecher

Flower Guild: Bay Chamberlain

Flower Memorials: Gaston Motes

Funeral Reception Ministry: Brenda Hillyer

Garden Guild: Jerry & Jan Tanner

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