

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*  
May 11, 2025 · 10:30 am

**All are welcome to worship God in this place.**  
*In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.*  
**Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud**

**PRELUDE** Berceuse

Louis Vierne

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Hymnal - 208

Victory

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE OPENING & COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Book of Common Prayer 355*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*All* **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* 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.

**SONG OF PRAISE** Glory to You, Lord God

Hymnal S-236

John Rutter

*All* **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**  
**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
**Glory to you, beholding the depths;**  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Acts 9:36-43

*Lector* A reading from Acts.

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.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM 32

*Dominus regit me*

*The psalm will be sung by all.*



1. The LORD is my / shepherd; \*  
I shall / not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green / pastures \*  
and leads me be/side still waters.
3. He revives my / soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no / evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence  
of those who / trouble me: \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of / my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector

A reading from Revelation.

After this 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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Hymnal - 343 *St. Agnes*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 10:22-30

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

*Gospeller* 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.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Abraham Allende

**THE NICENE CREED** *Book of Common Prayer 358*

*All* **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** *Easter 4C*

*Lector* Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence: “Father, keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**”

*Lector* Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead. We pray for our bishops, Sean, Anne, and all our clergy and laity. May your goodness and mercy enable them to guide us along right pathways.

*Silence.*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector God of loving Wisdom, teach us to trust in this very Wisdom as we and St. James, Boardman, continue to discern together the path forward in the search for our next rector to care for your church.

*Silence.*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace.

*Silence.*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation.

*Silence.*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil.

*Silence.*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need.

I invite you to the congregation to add your petitions.

*Silence*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

Lector Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever.

*Silence*

Lector Father, keep us;

People **Jesus, lead us.**

## THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson*

Celebrant O Lord, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Book of Common Prayer 360*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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 ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on your, 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

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Psalm 23 Howard Goodall

*All* **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Book of Common Prayer 367*

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*People stand or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. IN him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in your being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer 364*

*Celebrant*

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

*All*

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S- 163

Robert Powell

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Please indicate if you would prefer gluten free wafers.*

## COMMUNION MOTET He is Risen

Cecil Cope

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. **Amen.**

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer 366*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All, standing* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE EASTER BLESSING

*Book of Occasional Services-*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.  
**Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

Hymnal - 492

*Finnian*

## DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE Carillon

Louis Vierne

## MUSIC NOTES

The offertory anthem this morning was originally the theme music for the British hit show, The Vicar of Dibley. While the antics of the show highlight so many characteristics of our Anglican nature, the theme song for the show was perfect as each episode begins with an aerial view of the British countryside, perfect for Psalm 23. The anthem has a middle section which was never heard on the tv show.

Our prelude and postlude are taken from a collection of pieces known as *24 Pieces in Free Style*, by the French organist and composer Louis Vierne (1870-1937). Vierne was a student of Charles-Marie Widor and developed a fairly unique style that fit the acoustics of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, where he was the organist for many years.

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**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Marilouise Bonte by The Bonte & Slagle Families; Margaret L. Franklin by Diane New, Gaynell Harris, John & Amy.

**TODAY'S AUMBRY CANDLE** is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Mildred Gould by Ronald & Marcia Gould; Norman & Marion Vacha, Albert Cinelli, & Dorothy LaFluer by Suzanne Cinelli.

## We welcome you to *St. John's*.

If you are visiting with us, we ask that you fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register located in the hallway.

**BOOK CLUB MEETING** Join us for our next book club meeting Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00pm in the parlor. We are reading *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua.

**READING AT TAFT** Tuesday, May 6th at 9:20am

**TAFT STUDENT OF THE MONTH** Thursday, May 8th at 9:20am

**TAFT MOBILE PANTRY** Tuesday, May 20th, at United Way Volunteer Center

**MEMORIAL DAY** In observation of Memorial Day, our offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** Please join us for our Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 29th at noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES** Emerson Hare is graduating from Boardman High School in June of 2025. Emerson plans on attending the Ohio State University in the fall and majoring in Finance. He has been an acolyte at St. John's and a participant in the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival. Congratulations Emerson!

If you would like to recognize your graduate of any age, please contact Heather in the church office.

**CARE SHARE CONNECT** June 1st Karen R., Molly L, and Sally O will host an informal in-service on the AED machine between church services. This would inform church visitors where to find the AED in case of emergency, answer any questions, and inform visitors of some basic emergency procedures already in place at St. John's. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 19, at 12:30pm in the Parlor at St. John's. A light lunch will be served.



### WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Kristen Hamilton, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Brown / Daff Family as well as the entire Springfield / New Middletown community, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Austin Muldowney, Susan Paczak, Bob, Jason, Sandra G, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte.