

The Beginning and the End
The First and the Last

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of *Easter*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
June 01, 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 Prelude

Alfred Hollins

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hymnal - 214

Llanfair

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING & COLLECT FOR PURITY

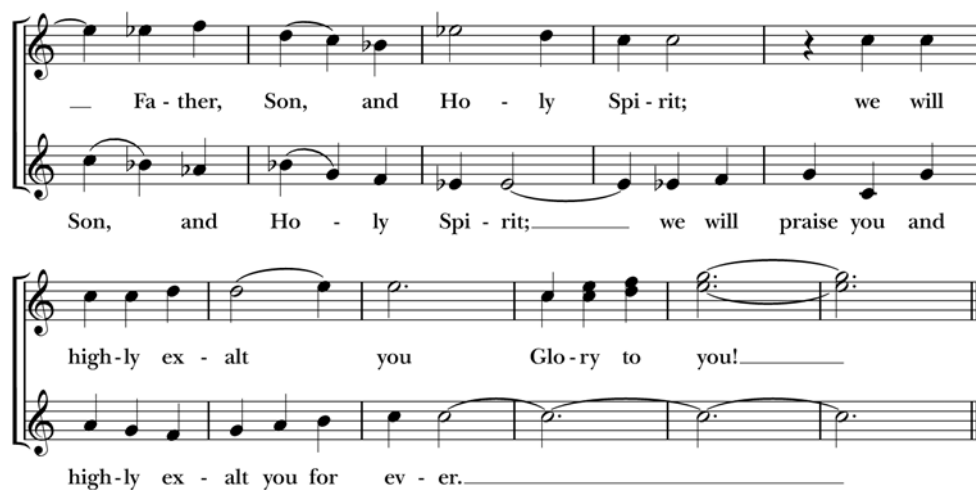
Book of Common Prayer 355

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.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

Lector A reading from Acts.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortunetelling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you

will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 97

The psalm will be sung by all.



1. The LORD is King; / let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude / of the isles be glad.
2. Clouds and darkness are / round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foun / dations of his throne.
3. A fire / goes before him *
and burns up his ene / mies on every side.
4. His lightnings / light up the world; *
the earth sees / it and is afraid.
5. The mountains melt like wax at the / presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord / of the whole earth.
6. The heavens de / clare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples / see his glory.
7. Confounded be all who worship carved images
and de / light in false gods! *
- Bow down be / fore him, all you gods.
8. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of / Judah rejoice, *
because of your / judgments, O LORD.
9. For you are the LORD,
most high / over all the earth; *
you are exalted / far above all gods.
10. The LORD loves those / who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand / of the wicked.
11. Light has sprung up / for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who / are truehearted.
12. Rejoice in the / LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks / to his holy Name.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Lector

A reading from Revelation.

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are

those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

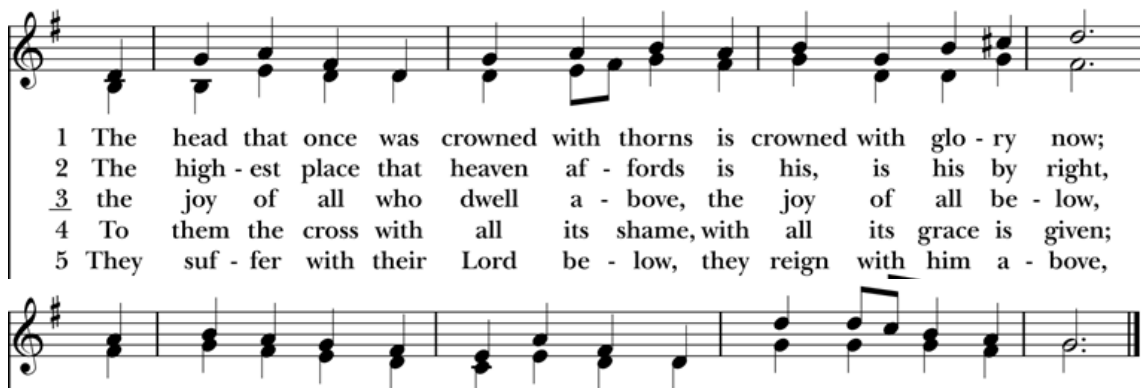
Lector

The Word of the Lord.


All

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns Hymnal - 483 St. Magnus



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

Gospeller

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

All

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

All 5

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham Allende

THE NICENE CREED

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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

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williams

Lector Sisters and brothers, the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you and with all the saints. Our hope is found in the presence of the King of Glory, so let us appeal to the Lord, saying, “Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!**”

Lector We pray, Jesus, that our prayers might be answered: may your Church be one as you and the Father are one. We pray for our bishops, Sean, and Anne; and for all clergy and laity. And through our unity, may the whole world come to know your love.

Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector Most High, we eagerly await your return. We long for your reign of justice and righteousness. Now, even as we wait, deliver the innocent from the hands of the wicked; bless the truehearted with joyful gladness.

Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector O Lord, the heavens declare your righteousness. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, lungs to breathe in your holy presence. Continue to guide our discernment during this time of transition. I invite the congregation to add your thanksgivings, either aloud or in your hearts.

Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector We pray, Lover of souls, for all those who are being exploited. We pray for those in bondage. We pray for those who suffer because of the greed of others.

Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector We pray for those who thirst for wholeness, for healing, and deliverance. We pray for all those who thirst. Give to the thirsty the gift of the water of life.
I invite the congregation to add your petitions, either aloud or in your hearts.
Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Lector Alpha and Omega, you bid your people, “Come!” May we, and all who have died, be with you, where you are, forever and ever.
Silence.

Lector Amen.

People **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

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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 Christ the Lord is Risen Again

John Rutter

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B SURSUM CORDA

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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

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.

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

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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 a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way 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 Christ is The World's True Light

W. K. Stanton

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

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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

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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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal - 450

Coronation

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

MUSIC NOTES

The prelude this morning was composed by the British organist and composer, Alfred Hollins (1865-1942). Born blind, Hollins studied at the Royal National College for the Blind and gave several concerts, including one in the presence of Queen Victoria. Hollins spent the majority of his career at Free St. George's Church in Edinburgh as their organist. He also made several concert tours of the United States, performing with many leading orchestras. Our prelude this morning is one of Hollins' shorter pieces, showing the influence that Mendelssohn had for many years on British musicians.

Today's postlude is one of the few organ works by Sir John Rutter (1945-). Rutter achieved early fame with many of his Christmas Carol arrangements and due to a medical issue, he halted commissions for new works in 1985. Today's postlude is a fairly eclectic work, using chords of an added second (slightly spicy harmony) and a meter having seven beats to the measure.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Kristen Hamilton, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Austin Muldowney, Bob, Jason, Sandra G, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte, Denise Johnson, Pat Sekola.

CARE SHARE CONNECT Today, after the church service, Karen R., Molly L, and Sally O. will host an informal in-service on the AED machine. This will 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.

SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES Sunday, June 8th - Pentecost Sunday - we will hold one service at 9:30am, then resume regular services for the remainder of the month. Beginning July 6th we will have one service at 9:30am, alternating Rite I and Rite II for the remainder of the summer.

FIRST FRIDAY Friday, June 6th from 5-8pm we welcome artist Chauncey Hay to display prints in the Narthex Gallery, and musician Jim Conti to perform.

PRIDE MONTH ACTIVITIES

TODAY at 6pm, join a livestream service with Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe as he blesses all upcoming Episcopal Pride events and participants.

Saturday, June 7th, Mahoning Valley Queer Action is hosting a community meal in Wick Park from 12-4pm.

Saturday, June 7th, all Diocese of Ohio churches are invited to participate in the Pride in the CLE march and festival June 7th.

Saturday, June 14th, Pride Youngstown will take place downtown from 12pm-9pm.

If you would like to participate in these activities as a representative of St. John's, please sign up on the bridge, or contact the church office.

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



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO SERVE EACH WEEK AS
MUSICIANS, READERS, ALTAR GUILD, AND VIDEOGRAPHER.

Many thanks to contributions made in honor of loved
ones for flowers and aumbrey candle each week.

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