

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

BCP 323

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Acts 17.22-31 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 1280

Psalm 66.7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 674

I Peter 3.13-22

Bible 1376

John 14.15-21

Bible 1253

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form II

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 339

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal 205 Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing (vs. 1-2)

Gelobt sei Gott

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

At the Procession--They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land...Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each man's pride...Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one...Chorus

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People 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—You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all ... *Chorus*

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 17.22-31

Bible 1280

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

The Gradual: Psalm 66.7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 674

The lector and congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle: I Peter 3.13-22

Bible 1376

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 490 I Want to Walk

Houston

Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

The Gospel: John 14.15-21

Bible 1253

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People: A Litany for Graduates

The congregation may be seated as we pray and responds "hear our prayer," after each intercessor prays, "Lord in your mercy."

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

We Are Singing (Siyahamba) trad. Zulu, arr. Hal H. Hopson
We are singing for the Lord is our light.

*The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light.
One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever.
When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock.
We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.*

At the Presentation Hymnal 380

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord- Sanctus

Dubay+

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Lord, we sing your praise.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we sing your praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we sing your praise.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem—Sanctuary

Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You...Repeat

At the Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures...Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Unending love amazing grace

Come to the Table

Come all proud, come all greedy.
Come all liars, come all shamed.
Come all wealthy, come receive it.
To the table, come today.

Come all broken, come all needy.
Come all poor and come all slaves.
Come all rulers, come be seated.
Come all sinners, come all saints.

Come to the table from near and far.
Come from the shadows, come out of the dark.
There's room at the table. We saved you a seat.
Come to the banquet, come join in the feast.

In that Beautiful World On High

I hope my mother will be there.
In that beautiful world on high.
That used to join with me in pray'r,
In that beautiful world on high.

Chorus

Oh I will be there (will be there)
Oh I will be there (Will be there)
With the palms of victory,
crowns of glory you shall wear
In that beautiful world on high

Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

WLP #831 - "Ubi Caritas"

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Every race, every nation,
Come all rebels, come today.
From the fringes come to Jesus
to a table full of grace.
To the table come and stay.

Come to the table, come eat and drink.
There's no inner circle, come dine with the King.
Recline at the table, come let down your guard.
You're never a stranger just come as you are.

Come be whole, come be loved.
Come accepted, come now come.

Prepared is the table we're ready to feast.
The party is waiting, there's more still to feed.
The harvest is ready, go fill every seat.
Go live out the mission as a kingdom of priests.

I hope my sister will be there,
In that beautiful world on high,
That used to join with me in prayer,
In that beautiful world on high ... Chorus

I hope my brother will be there,
In that beautiful world on high,
That used to join with me in prayer,
In that beautiful world on high ... Chorus

I know my Saviour will be there,
In that beautiful world on high,
That used to listen to my prayer,
In that beautiful world on high ... Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You
(Repeat)

Ending

I'm lost without You
I'm lost without You
I'm lost without You
I'm desperate for You

Hymn at the Procession

WLP #812 - "I the Lord of sea and sky"

Dismissal

Postlude

I'll Fly Away/This Little Light of Mine

Brumley/Loes

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Our Worship

We are joined to Christ in our sufferings, I Peter says, but we are also joined to Christ in his Resurrection. "Because I live, you will also live," says Jesus in our Gospel passage. Because of Christ, the promise of our redemption is tied to the body of Christ, and because he lives, we will live too.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all our mothers, our graduates, and our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders.

Those leading worship on Youth Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox

EM 10:30 AM: Sarah Meacham, Benton Williamson

Preaching: Claytor Lockhart, Adlyn Mustian, Charlie Petroff

Readers: Fletcher Spigner, Tyler Turnipseed

Acolytes: Keating Davison, Claire McCants, Lachlan All-Black, Malcolm Keeney

Ushers: Andrew Beasley, Will Jaillette, Henry Koehler, Camden McCauley, Sawyer Tevepaugh

Greeters: Spence Jaillette, Beckett Keeney, James Meacham

Children's Chapel: Eva Jaillette, Berkeley McCants, Mary Frances Spigner

Nursery: Charlotte Godwin, Adair Hinson

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Altar Flowers: Susan Hilsman

Children's Chapel:

Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us. Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

Last Week for Sunday School & Adult Formation

Sunday Formation

9:30 AM

Equipping the Saints: Easter in Emmaus

Multipurpose Room, lower level of Heyward Hall.

The goal is to explore the story of Emmaus from a number of different perspectives and media, working toward some thought about the Eucharist and Easter together. This week's discussion will be led by Fr. Ayers.

The Wired Word - *Parlor, First Floor.* Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life.

Faith at Home - *Library, First Floor.* Join us for the final gathering of Christian parents, to consider the themes of food, table fellowship, sustainability, and Holy Communion. This week's discussion, *The Table at Home and the Table of the Lord*, will be led by Lynae Beresford & Fr. Beasley.

Mother's Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hallowed and sanctified motherhood by your Incarnation, and even in your Passion did not forget your blessed Mother, but rather entrusted your beloved Disciple with her care: Grant that we may so honor our mothers, and that those called to motherhood may so love their children, teaching them wisdom and kindness, that our days may be long, and your grace increased among us, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Congratulations Graduating Seniors



*Claytor
Lockhart*



*Charlie
Petroff*



*Will
Hewitt*



*Adlyn
Mustian*

A huge thank you to **Brian McCants** and his leadership of our Acolyte Ministry. Brian has served as Acolyte Master at St. John's for over 10 years, and we are so grateful for the time and energy he has given to our worship services.

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Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn: May 11 at 12 Noon

Guest: Jerry Allen

"Artificial Intelligence: What it is and isn't"

Menu: St. John's-made Salad Plate:

Chicken Salad, Broccoli Salad, and Copper Penny Salad

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is all over the news, taking entry level jobs, creating uncertainty about digital security, and becoming part of conversations about war and technological arms control. It will also plan a great trip for you, suggest excellent recipes, and give you advice for your relationships. Jerry worked at the University of South Carolina for 40 years as a Mainframe Systems Programmer. He is currently retired and teaches technology and AI courses to seniors at Shepherd's Center of Columbia and at The Lourie Center. RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

May 17: Gravatt Sunday

10:30 AM Outdoor Eucharist

11:15 AM Lunch

12 PM Activities

1:30 PM Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Join us for worship, swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, and fishing! St. John's will provide mac + cheese, chicken and tea. Please bring a side dish to share. Don't forget your sunscreen and bug spray! Please make sure to bring your release forms: **paper copies available in the atrium and narthex** Worship will also be offered at the usual times at St. John's on Sunday morning.

Pack the Park

Saturday, May 16 12 - 4 PM



Come out to
Emily Douglas Park
(2500 Wheat St.)



for a free neighborhood event
sponsored by St. John's. Food trucks, live
music, Pelican's, and a chance to play
Mahjong. Join Brandon Templeton in the
park at 10:30 to tidy up the park with
Service in the Soda City.



Family Ministries

No **EYC** this Sunday, May 10. We will have our end of year **EYC party** on Sunday, May 17 from 5-6:30 - location TBD.

Middle and high school youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 1 for a day trip to **Carowinds!** Sign up in the Epistle.

Looking to do some summer mission work?

The **Homeworks Mission** week in Edisto is back! High school youth are invited to be part of this mission week from July 19-24. Registration is now open, link in the Epistle and on Facebook!



A special **thank you** to all of our children's and youth Sunday School teachers who made this another wonderful year of Sunday School!

Little Lambs (3's & 4's): Ashley Jaillette, Caroline Tevepaugh, Kelli Turnipseed

Shining Stars (K-2nd Grade): Lynae Beresford, Sally McCants, Lolly Petroff

3rd-5th Grade: Rebecca & Thomas Coleman, Mary Claire & Ben Martinsen, Lauren & Mike McCauley

Middle School: Barbara & Bobby Jones

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