



## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org).

Today's service follows the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

### **The Word of God**

#### **Prelude**

**Processional Hymn:** H 205, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

*Gelobt sei Gott*

#### **Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p. 355

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

#### **Collect for Purity**

BCP, p. 355

**Song of Praise:** H 417 "This is the feast of victory..."

*Festival Canticle*

(All sing vv. 1,3,5; Men v. 2; Women v. 4)

#### **Collect of the Day**

BCP, p. 225

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

#### **Children's Story**

*Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.*

### **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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Response:** Psalm 23, *Dominus regit me*

BCP, p. 612

The Lord is my shepherd; \* **I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \* **and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \* **and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

### **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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** H 645, "the King of love my shepherd is"

*St. Columba*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

**Prayers of the People:** Form III

BCP, p. 387

**The Peace**

BCP, p. 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.*

*As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text "STJOHNSCENTREVILLE" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.*



**The Presentation of Alms & Oblations:** H 380, vs. 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP, p. 361

**Sanctus:** S 125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

**Prayer A** (cont.)

BCP, p. 362

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem:** S 161, "Lamb of God"

*Agnus Dei*

**Communion Hymn:** H 343, "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

*St. Agnes*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP, p. 365

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** H 478, "Jesus, our mighty Lord"

*Monk's Gate*

**Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of James V. Kennedy from the Heller family.

**Today we welcome** Tatiana Andronikova as our guest organist.

**The Next Chapter.** As you heard today in church, help us write the next chapter at St. John's by donating:

- by check with "Next Chapter 2025" in the memo line;
- online, using the QR code inside or at right, selecting "Next Chapter 2025;" and/or
- by gifting an appreciated stock or mutual fund, or a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please designate as "Next Chapter 2025."



For more information, contact Fr. Kevin, Lisa Heller, and/or Andrew Wade.

**Progressive Dinner.** The Progressive Dinner returns May 24! Parishioners meet for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at the home of a parishioner before dividing into groups and heading to other homes for dinner. The evening ends at yet another location for dessert and coffee. Past dinners have been a huge hit, and everyone has had a wonderful time! Sign up with Penny Parker **TODAY** to be part of the festivities.

**Memorial Day Office.** Join us for a brief observance of Memorial Day on May 25. We'll gather at 9 AM by the bell before our usual Sunday worship.

**Volunteers Welcome!** Over the next few months, we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to help members of the vestry with the organization of some upcoming events: **Pentecost (June 8)** – Parish picnic and outdoor Eucharist, **June** parish off-site trip to a local winery or park, a **July 4 celebration** – picnic and sparklers and fireworks viewing, and a **Bishop's visit**. Please be in touch with the office, the wardens, or Fr. Kevin if you are able to assist.

**Coffee Hour.** Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

**Adult Lectionary Forum.** If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join us in the library after the service.

**Visit Us!** For more information, visit [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org) and subscribe to our E-notes.

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#### TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Lector:	Jerry Pankey
Deacon:	The Rev. Steve Busch	Acolyte:	Monti Zimmerman
Music Director:	Tatiana Andronikova	Alms Counters:	Larry Pike, Penny Parker
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