

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
2018 DEWITT TERRACE,
LINDEN, NJ 07036**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2024**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CELEBRANT - THE REV. ANGIE CIPOLLA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Prof. Richard Alston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays: Eric Johnson - May 9

Weekly Newsletter

The newsletter will be included in the weekly bulletin email. There will be only a few copies made & put in the entryway for those who do not have email addresses.

Women's Group News

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be Thursday, May 16 at 12 pm. Not only will we continue to learn Mah-jong but other games will be available as well as crafts, or just come and spend some time in companionship. You will be most welcomed!

Thrift Store Revenue

The Thrift Store Revenue for Sat., 4/13 was \$452 and Sat., 4/27 was \$319.. Amount collected since 6/11/2022 is \$21,008.98.

Volunteers Needed for Thrift Store!!!

Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Store. A two- or three-hour donation of time would be greatly appreciated. Please see Eileen or Nancy.

Mother Angie can be reached at 908-986-3354 or MotherAngie.StJohn.Linden@gmail.com.

Parish Office Hours from September thru June: Mon thru Fri - 9AM to 12 Noon. Please call 908-925-1535 before coming.

Sanctuary Lamp - \$10 & Flowers: \$25 - please send payment two weeks prior when requesting a Sunday & call/email the office two weeks prior to date of requested Sunday.

Hymns are located in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, or when specified (“O”) in the red hymnal, *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*.

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SERVICE ASSISTANTS

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| Altar Guild: | Nancy Wall & Marcia Eversley |
| Acolyte: | Alfred Romani |
| Readers: | |
| 1 st Reading & Psalm: | Natalya Cespedes |
| 2 nd Reading & Prayers of the People: | Dulce DiGrado |
| Usher: | Carolynne Baykowski |
| Greeter: | Nancy Wall |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Marcia Eversley |
| Videographer | Howard Whitmore |

Vestry

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| Howard Whitmore, Sr. Warden | Marcel Vaughn-Handy, Jr. Warden |
| Carolynne Baykowski | Velma Barton |
| Barbaranne DiMarco | Patricia St. Clair |
| Amanda Thorn | Nancy Wall |

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”

HYMN #450

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

“PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!”

HYMN #031

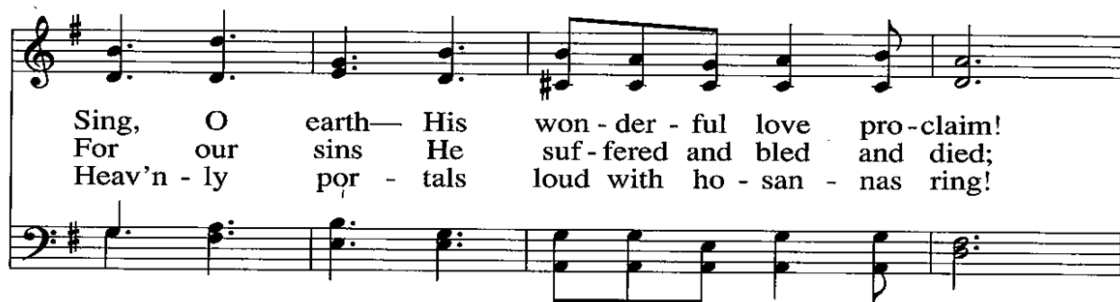
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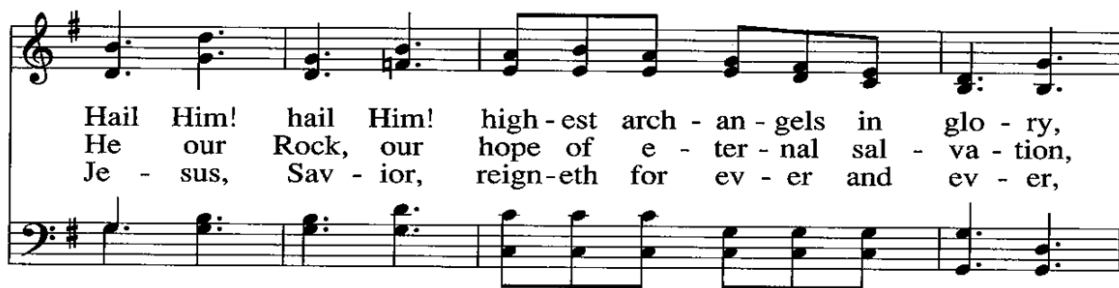
Praise Him! Praise Him!



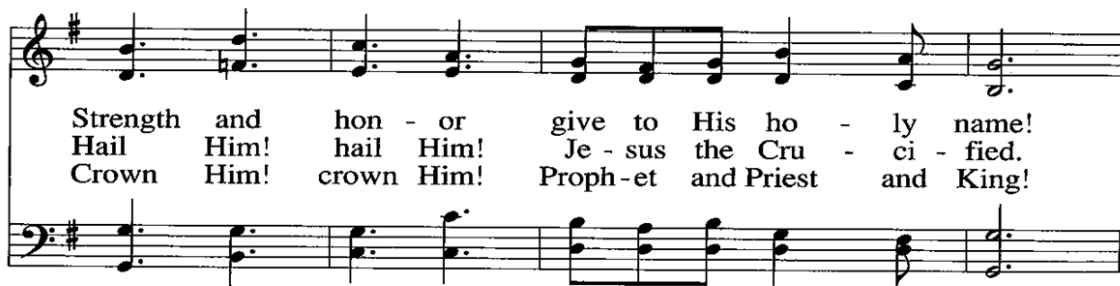
1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!



Sing, O earth— His won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins He suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!



Hail Him! hail Him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry,
 He our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for ev - er and ev - er,



Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!
 Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 Crown Him! crown Him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard His chil - dren—
 Sound His prais - es— Je - sus who bore our sor - rows—
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious—

In His arms He car - ries them all day long:
 Love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep and strong:
 Pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His ex - cel - lent great - ness!

Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Tune: JOYFUL SONG, 12 10 12 10 11 10 with refrain; Chester G. Allen, 1838–1878

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **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 LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm: 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The people stand

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

HYMN #494

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Gospel John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

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

That all our lives may be sanctified in the truth, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.”

We pray that your Church may be committed to the needs of the world, but never conformed to the world. We pray that those you have called to your service may be strong in the faith of Christ and given power to reveal his love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Be with all who must make decisions that will affect other lives. Give wisdom to those who appoint or elect to positions of authority, guiding them with your Holy Spirit to seek the common good.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us, our families and friends and colleagues in the decisions, both small and great, which we must make in our daily lives. Unite us in the love that makes us your own, and keep us from all evil.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on any who have broken faith, betraying those who trusted them. Restore them in your mercy to the life of love that they have forsaken. Guide us where we can bring relief to any who have lost direction through the distress of misplaced trust.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us offer our prayers for those on our parish prayer list this morning...

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant to the faithful departed the eternal life promised through Jesus Christ. May his saving love avail for those who have passed through this world and into the world beyond.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all deacons, priests and bishops, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Sally, our bishop, that they may shine forth by their words and actions the coming of God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant: Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory.

Amen.

The Congregation Stands As Able

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (BCP p. 830 #50)

For an Anniversary

O Lord, our God, you have given us all good things for our salvation. You commanded us to love one another and to bear with one another's weakness. You yourself are the lover of humankind. To these your servants who love each other in the love of the Spirit grant eternal devotion and true love. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.* (Based on Eastern Rite prayer of 9th or 10th Century)

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP p. 831 #53

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS”

“GOD’S AMAZING GRACE”

HOWARD WHITMORE SOLOIST

***THE PRIEST GOES TO THE COMMUNION RAIL TO RECEIVE
THE OFFERINGS AND THE BREAD AND WINE***

OFFERTORY HYMN

“GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU”

HYMN #0225

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer 1 (*Enriching Our Worship*)

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

#S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant:

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.

Padre Nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
A los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder,
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

#S161

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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those participating through Facebook Live and Zoom, we shall pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen. (*From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori*)

We offer the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood to all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward as directed.

Hold out one hand above the other to receive the bread from the priest. If you are planning to intinct (dip) your wafer, we would appreciate it if you sanitize your hands before coming forward.

Gluten-free communion is available. Simply ask the priest.

If you are unable to come forward, let the usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

HYMN #325

MEDITATION HYMN:

“THANK YOU, LORD”

- v1. Thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v2. Been so good,
been so good,
been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
- v3. Been my friend,
been my friend,
been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Enriching Our Worship*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **God of abundance,**

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING (*Book of Occasional Services*)

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“LIFT HIM UP”

HYMN #420

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.**