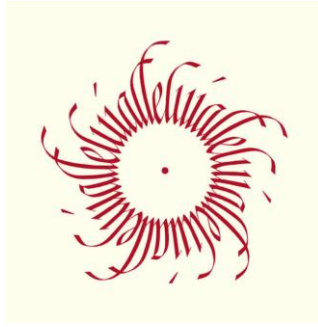


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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (Puer Nobis Nascitur)* adapt. Michael Praetorius

### **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise" *Hymnal #191*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant and People say*

*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: *The Gloria* Prayer Book (BCP), p. 356 *Hymnal #S280*

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter *BCP*, p. 225

The Lessons *The People are seated.*

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

*Reader:* A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in

the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 148:1-6, 14

*Reader:* Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

**People:** Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

*Reader:* Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**People:** Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

*Reader:* Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**People:** He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

*Reader:* He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

*Reader:* A reading from Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn:

"God is love, and where true love is"

*Hymnal #577*

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

***People:*** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Narrator:* At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,

*Jesus #1:* "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

*Jesus #2:* Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard

The Nicene Creed

*BCP, p. 358*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

*Reader:* Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

***People:*** *We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*The parish prayer list is offered.*

#### The Concluding Collects

##### A Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

*Celebrant and People:*

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese of Virginia, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

##### A Prayer for St. John's Church

*Celebrant and People:*

*Gracious God,  
Send your Spirit upon us  
during this interim period,  
and bless our ministries  
for the building up of our parish  
and the mission of your Church.  
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,*

*And bless our calling of a new priest,  
That we might receive a faithful pastor,  
Who will equip us for our ministries.  
Help us to reach out our hands in love of others,  
Even as your Son Jesus reached out his arms on the cross.  
In his name, we pray. Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sin *BCP, p. 360*

The Peace *BCP, p. 360*

The Greeting

The Offertory Sentences

The Offertory Anthem: *Wondrous Love* Southern Folk Tune

The Doxology *Hymnal #380 (vs. 3)*

## **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP, p. 361*

The Sanctus *BCP, p. 362, Hymnal # S129*

The Lord's Prayer *BCP, p. 364*

The Breaking of the Bread *BCP, p. 364*

The Communion

Communion Hymn: *"Bread of the world, in mercy broken"* *Hymnal #301*

The Post Communion Prayer *BCP, p. 366*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"* *Hymnal #544*

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Christ.

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

Postlude: *Rondeau* Hal Hopson

## Participants in today's service

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard, Long-term Supply Minister

*Minister of Music:* Lynn Robinson

*Organist:* Judith Marcinko

*Reader:* Lynn Robinson

*Prayers:* Barbara Oliver

*Altar Guild:* Carol Dunlap

*Sound/Live-Stream:* Pete Oliver

***Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays.*** We continue to use the following Zoom access link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElnYnpDZ1N2ZVFSWDNlK0ZDUT09>

and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. The password is still 2020. Any other information remains the same.

If you can't copy the link, go to [zoom.com/join](https://zoom.com/join) and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

*If you don't have Zoom on your device you will need to do that prior to the service.*

## Announcements

***WELCOME:*** We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Or you may come forward and receive a blessing.

***Join Us Today for our Reception after Worship!***

The Vestry invites everyone to join them in the side yard following worship for a reception.

### COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE

- Masks are OPTIONAL now
- All Other Protocols Remain in Effect

St. John's continues to follow the CDC guidelines for Arlington County and Diocesan recommendations. Masks are optional. Questions: Please contact Sandy Winger, senior warden ([srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org)) and/or the Rev. Dr. Laurence "Larry" Packard ([minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org)). Take Note! We support anyone who chooses to continue wearing a mask and will offer our live-stream option for those at home.

### These COVID protocols remain in effect:

- When possible, please sit and remain socially-distanced while in the Church.
- We will remain seated during the peace. No offering will be taken; a basket for contributions will be at the entrance.
- The Celebrant will not be masked during the consecration and distribution.
- At the distribution, the usher will come forward and let people come to the rail in numbers to preserve social distance. The floor in front of the altar is marked with blue tape for people to stand, unless there is a family group.
- Stand or kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will sanitize his/her hands and drop the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread. The wine will be brought to you in a small cup. Partake of the wine. Return by the right-hand side aisle (facing altar). Deposit the cup in a receptacle next to the piano.
- Please notify Cassandra Winger if you discover that you had COVID during this worship service or for a 2-week period following your worship with us.

**Our Bulletin Layout—Just a Trial Run!** At the Vestry Meeting 4/18, we decided to provide a bulletin which will provide some of the worship material and giving page numbers for the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Hymnal*. The purpose is to provide a more user-friendly bulletin for those less acquainted with the Episcopal Church. Please share your thoughts with Fr. Larry or with Sandy Winger, Senior Warden.

**Pastoral Care during the Interim Period.** The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. (Larry) Packard is available for pastoral care—abiding by the Diocesan health and safety guidelines. He may be reached at [minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org) or at 703-425-8315 or 703-606-3109 (cell, no voice mail).

**Church Leadership.** Our Senior Warden, Sandy Winger, is the individual charged with leadership until St. John's appoints a new rector. She can be contacted at [srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org) or on her cell phone at 703-498-6990.

**St. John's position on racism** can be found on the home page of our website, [www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org](http://www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org).

**Prayers and cards.** If you have any requests for Sunday prayers, intercessory prayers, or a card for someone who is sick, please contact Barbara Oliver at [prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org).