



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 | 11 am



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Office Closed – In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, St. John's Office will be closed on Mon., May 26. A pastor will be available for emergencies by calling 704-636-3431 ext. 2990.

St. John's Kindergarten - Enrollment Now Open for the 2025-2026 School Year for Kindergarten and Pre-K. For information call 704-636-4404 or email at kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org. We are also seeking to **HIRE** a new Pre-K Teacher. Contact Pastor James: James@stjohns-salisbury.org.

VBS – Registration remains open to **ages 3 through CURRENT 5th grade**. Join us on Jun. 9-13 from 9 am - 12:15 pm for a “*True North*” adventure! Register by scanning QR code here. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.



Serenity Sisters - Ages 35-55ish - Join us on **Sun. Jun. 22, from 5-7 pm**, for a time of fellowship and devotions. Email Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org for location and more information.

Hands and Feet Camp - July 29-31, 9 am - 4 pm. Current 3rd-5th graders! Join Pastor Dan, Stacey and St. John's Youth for morning devotions, opportunities to serve in the community, lunch, and fun afternoon outings. Scan the QR Code to register by July 1.



WORSHIP NAVIGATION

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

* = **Please stand as you are able** + = **Face the Cross**

✝ = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Setting, Michael Burkhardt

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*+

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your
church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own
making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in
captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN 834* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

APOSTOLIC GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE* *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*

The musical notation for the Kyrie prayer consists of six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

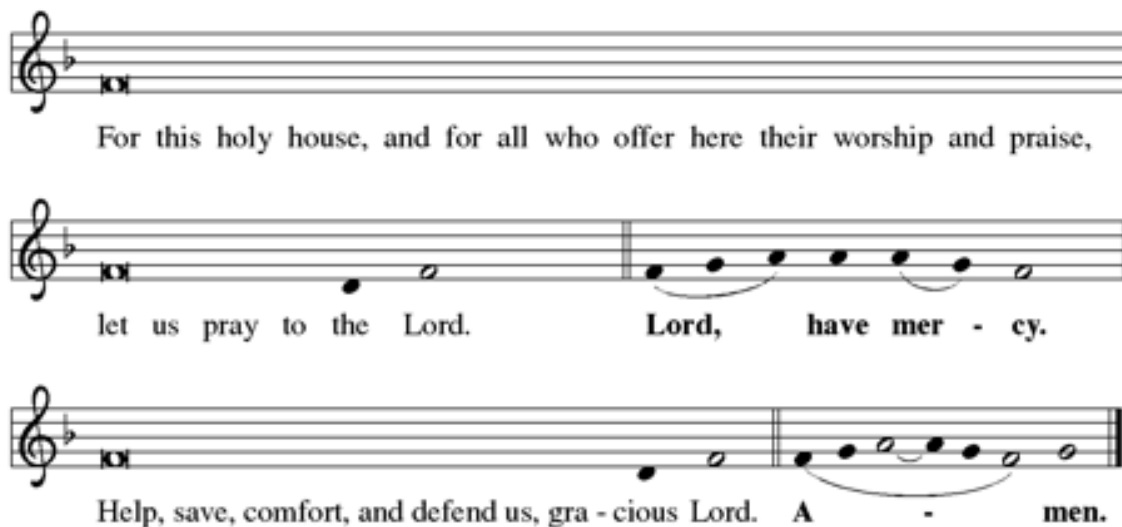
Staff 2: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Staff 3: Lord, have mer - cy.

Staff 4: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Staff 5: and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Staff 6: Lord, have mer - cy.



HYMN OF PRAISE*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY*

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

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

READING:

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP—All elementary-aged children are invited to Children's Worship. Please gather at the Baptismal Font.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Alleluia



THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN*

John 14:23-29



As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Pastor Lori Carter

HYMN 366*

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

VICTORY

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin

Mary and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PEACE*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise
St. John's Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see.

OFFERTORY HYMN*

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



OFFERTORY PRAYER *

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

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, forever and ever.
Amen.



SENDING

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

BENEDICTION*

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 815* *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

DISMISSAL*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*