

## Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Gradual WS 111**      You Are My All In All

## John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

**Sermon**      Rev. Joseph Maiocco

## 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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our President Joe; for members of the Congress and the Supreme Court; for delegates to the United Nations; for our Governor Ron; for the leaders of other nations, and for all in authority;

**May they work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Doug; for our Clergy, Fr. Joe and for all the clergy and people;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Here, especially, we pray for our loved ones and friends, and those of our parish family who this day, are sick, troubled or alone:

## Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## Offertory

## Garments of Praise

Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness  
Let the oil of gladness flow down from Your throne  
Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness  
Your joy is my strength alone my strength alone (Repeat)

Make these broken weary bones rise to dance again  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river  
Lord our eyes are fixed on You and we are waiting  
for Your garland of grace as we praise Your name

Hallelujah sing hallelujah  
We give all honor and praise to Your name  
Hallelujah sing hallelujah  
we trade our sorrows for garments of praise (Repeat)

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## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love, which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper, he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### Taize

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

<b>Communion WS 94</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Communion WS 105</b>	To Be In Your Presence
<b>Communion WS 84</b>	On Eagle's Wings
<b>Communion</b>	Holy Water

God, I'm on my knees again  
God, I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh, I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh, I need You

#### Chorus

**Your forgiveness  
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips  
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears  
Like holy water on my skin.**

Dead man walking, slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh, God, I need You  
So, take me to the riverside  
Take me under, baptize  
I need You  
Oh, God, I need You

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God, I need it every day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change (2X)

#### Chorus (2X)

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**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Closing WS 95

Shine Jesus Shine

**Serving Saturday (5pm):** Lay Reader (Frances Disselhorst) Ushers (Sandra Mason, Jack Wert)

**Serving Sunday (10am):** Lay Reader (Tamara Connolly) Ushers (Clayton Jones, Debbie Jones)

**St. John's Family:** Rev. Joe Maiocco (Rector) MaryLee Pierce (Sr. Warden) Brent Guillot (Jr. Warden) Glenn Saffran (Music Director) Claudia Trejos (Secretary) St. John's Family (God's Ministers)

#### Welcome to St. John's Church

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<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am	Blended Service (C)
	10:00am	Youth Sunday School (S)
	11:15am	Coffee Hour (S)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (B)
	5:30pm	Sisters (B)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30am	Men's Bible Study (B)
	9:00am	Centering Prayer (PR)
	10:00am	OSL (B)
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	Women's AA (B)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am	Stitches of Love (B)
	1:00pm	Library (B)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Altar Guild (C)
	5:00pm	Traditional Service (C)

**B= Brewster; C=Church; PR=Prayer Room; S=Sugden; V=Vesting Room**

**EMBRACE GOD** in faithful weekly worship and a daily devotional life of Bible reading with prayer.

**Stitches of Love** gather Fridays 10:00 AM until Noon in Brewster Hall until May 10<sup>th</sup> and will resume October 18, 2024. Questions please contact Jane Kindorf at 630-542-1243 or Mary Frances Aiken at the 239-450-3199.

**Women's Bible Study** is held Mondays at 10:00 AM in Brewster Hall until May 20<sup>th</sup> and will resume October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Questions please contact Jan Eveleigh at 239-682-5339.

**Thrift Shoppe Hours** are Mon. – Sat. 10:00 AM -5:00 PM.

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**If you're heading north** for the summer, please stay in touch with St. John's by sending your email address and contact information to Claudia at parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com and visiting [www.stjohnsnaples.com](http://www.stjohnsnaples.com). May you have a blessed and safe summer.

# St. John's Episcopal Church

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 27 & 28, 2024**

Prelude

**Introit WS 3**

All Heaven Declares

**Opening Hymn 304**

I Come With Joy

#### The Word of God

Clergy

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

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

#### Collect for Purity

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.

#### Gloria S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearers, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.