

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Sunday Eucharist, Rite II

*Communion Hymn Restored! All May Sing It, Masked and Distanced*



Welcome St. John's in Boonton! And today we do still mean the church building *in Boonton!* The Diocese of Newark's decision to resume in-person worship was made county-by-county when the pandemic metrics for each county began to fall to lower levels of infection risk. Such decisions have always been contingent upon those metrics remaining on their downward trend. The Diocese of Newark's policies follow the same logic as those of New Jersey State and federal agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control: higher risk to the community may require re-imposing appropriate restrictions on public behavior. As before, the purpose is to lower the number of people who get infected by making vaccination as widespread as possible, and lowering transmission through mask-wearing (primarily for the unvaccinated, but encouraged for all), hand-washing (definitely for all), and social distancing (again most urgent for the unvaccinated). But there's a new twist: by driving down infection rates, we are not only starving the pandemic of new hosts to infect, but also denying it time to mutate; we hope to prevent it from "evolving past" the highly-effective vaccines we have created. Because God's house must be open to all, vaccinated or not, please review the following essential protocols and practices that will be in place during this current High Risk Level Orange (the one significant change is #3):

- 1) All participants, including the congregation, must wear masks while in the church, and are encouraged to wear them outdoors as well.
- 2) All participants, except those from the same household, must maintain at least six feet of space between themselves; prayer books or service materials should be passed or shared *only* between members of the same household. The same holds true for physical contact, including at the Peace.
- 3) **The Communion Hymn has been restored. All may sing, with mandatory masking and distance.**
- 4) At the Offertory, the alms basins will not be passed; instead, at the conclusion of the liturgy, the Greeter will hold an alms basin in the center aisle, into which you can place your checks, cash, or sealed pledge envelopes, as you exit the building. Please also see on the penultimate page of this Order of Worship instructions for making your offering via electronic transfer.
- 5) The Eucharistic bread and wine will be kept on the credence table in the chancel from the beginning of the liturgy, rather than carried up from the back.
- 6) While the public health emergency lasts, the People will receive communion only in one kind, the bread. At the time of the communion,
  - a. Please stand and remain at your place in the pew, the Celebrant will come to you
  - b. If you wish to receive, please hold your hands out in front of you, right hand over left
  - c. The Celebrant will drop the wafer into your hands to avoid physical contact
  - d. Please wait until the Celebrant is at least six feet away before lifting your mask to consume the wafer. Communion on the tongue is not permitted at this time.
  - e. To receive only a blessing, please stand in place with your arms crossed over your chest
  - f. Those attending via the Zoom livestream will be led in the Act of Spiritual Communion.
- 7) The Clergy will not greet the People at the church door, nor will there be an actual, or virtual Coffee Hour until further notice.
- 8) To minimize the saliva droplets expelled into the air by singing, the Service Music (the Gloria, Sursum Corda, and Fraction Anthem) will be sung by the Celebrant. While you may sing along softly, full-voice singing is discouraged until the Hymn. **At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Great Amen should be said by all the People in a loud voice of assent.**

All those who are participating via the live stream of our service are asked to **please keep your microphones muted** throughout the service; however, we encourage you to read the People's responses aloud along with us, wherever you are (see last page for more information).

*Those on Zoom, please keep your mics muted throughout the service; but do read with us the People's responses out loud*  
**The People's responses are in boldface. Rubrics (liturgical directions) are in red.**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Reading of the Necrology**  
*From the Book of Common Prayer 1979*



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**(YEAR B)**

November 7, 2021 10:00am

*Livesteamed via Zoom*



**Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."**



**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

*The People stand as are able as the Celebrant enters and says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

**The Hymn of Praise**

*Benedictus es, Domine – Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*  
*Rutter*

**(Celebrant)**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The People sit for the Readings*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **The First Reading**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Responsory: Psalm 24** *Domini est terra*

*The Lector begins*

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, \*

*The People read in unison with the Lector for the remainder of the Responsory*  
**the world and all who dwell therein.**

2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas \***  
**and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

3 **“Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \***  
**and who can stand in his holy place?”**

- 4 “Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
 who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
 nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
 and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
 of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is this King of glory?” \*  
 “The LORD, strong and mighty,  
 the LORD, mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” \*  
 “The LORD of hosts,  
 he is the King of glory.”

*The People stand as are able as the Deacon rises to proclaim the Gospel*

## The Holy Gospel

*John 11:32-44*

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**      *The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli*  
*A brief period of silence may follow the homily*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The People stand as are able as the Celebrant says*

Let us stand, as we are able, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*The Celebrant and the People together*

**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 People remain standing as are able for the Necrology and the Prayers of the People*

## The Necrology and the Prayers of the People

*The Celebrant and Deacon take their places at the Altar*

*The Celebrant begins*

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 heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

### THE NECROLOGY OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BOONTON IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND-TWENTY-ONE

*The Necrology is read*

*At its conclusion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of these your servants, to whom you have granted entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Deacon then says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

We pray for the Diocese of Newark, and for St. John's Boonton; grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate, for Carlye our Bishop Diocesan, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Kamila, our Vice President, for the Congress and the Supreme Court, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The Celebrant bids the People's intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant then prays a concluding collect*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All standing as are able, the Celebrant says to the People*

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

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

*The People sit as the Celebrant offers brief words of welcome and any announcements or news to be shared with the parish*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*The Offertory begins with the Celebrant saying the Offertory Sentence. Please see Note 4 on the Current Requirements sheet regarding the on-site collection of alms. Please also see the penultimate page of this Order of Worship for instructions on how to safely make a donation to St. John's, Boonton electronically. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.*

*The Deacon then prepares the Table*

*As the Celebrant takes his place at the Altar, the People stand as are able*

*The Celebrant sets apart the gifts of bread and wine with the following words*

                                  Blessèd are you, O Sovereign God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given us  
                                  this bread for our use. Grain of the earth and work of human hands, ✠ it  
                                  will become for us the Bread of Heaven.  
*People*                   **Blessèd be God for ever.**

*Celebrant*               Blessèd are you, O Sovereign God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given us  
                                  this wine for our use. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, ✠ it will  
                                  become for us the Wine of Heaven.

*People*                   Blessèd be God for ever.

*The Celebrant, in the name of the community, then says the following*

O God, our Creator and Giver of all blessings: accept our grateful thanks for all that your love bestows upon us; open our eyes to recognize your gifts when they appear at times, places, and in ways we neither expect nor understand; then take our thankful hearts, and return again our gratitude as your blessing on Creation; for

*Celebrant*               All things come from you, O Lord;  
*People*                   **And of your own have we given you. Amen.**

*The people remain standing as are able*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Mozarabic Preface)

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

### Sanctus (S-128) *Matthias* (Celebrant)

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.

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The People stand or kneel as are able, and the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may ✠ descend upon us, and upon these gifts, ✠ sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessèd Mary the Godbearer, Blessèd John the Apostle and Evangelist, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*The People respond in a loud voice*                    **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host, and a period of silence is kept*

*Then the Fraction Anthem (Recorded) is sung*

## The Fraction Anthem (EOM1) Fletcher (Celebrant)

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

## The Invitation

*The Celebrant proclaims*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant then says to those worshipping online*

Dear Friends in Christ, because of the coronavirus pandemic, some of us are not able to gather together physically, and thus, cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament physically. *But it does not mean that those cannot receive Communion at all.* God's love and blessing are without bounds, and God will not deny his grace to any who truly desire to be in communion with him. One need not eat the bread to attend the banquet. Invite into your heart the One who first invited you, and in your heart God will feast with you. I therefore invite those of you who are separated from us by distance, circumstance, or even time, to repeat after me each phrase of this Act of Spiritual Communion, to be truly united with our Maker who welcomes us and feeds us with his unconditional love.

*The Celebrant reads the Act by phrases, those making the Act repeat after him*

**Blesséd Jesus, | I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, | and, since I cannot now 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.**

*The Celebrant then receives the bread and wine, then distributes the bread to those present*

*The Celebrant comes to each communicant where they are; to receive, hold out one hand over the other, and the Celebrant will drop the bread into your hand; do not consume the bread until the Celebrant is at least six feet away from you. There should be no physical contact.*

*After all have received, the Celebrant returns to the Altar, consumes any remaining bread, and cleans the chalice*

*The Deacon then cleans the remaining vessels and removes them from the Altar*

*As the metrics of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are trending differently throughout the counties that comprise the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, the Bishop allows, within certain parameters, for local discernment as to the constraints normally required for that county's current risk level. With consultation and advice, a parish in any Risk level might, with reasonable safety, remove one or more constraints or reduce their degree to that of the next lower Risk level. St. John's believes it is reasonably safe to reinstate a Hymn after Communion. Please stay socially distant and leave your masks on throughout the hymn and the remainder of the service. A lower vocal volume may be somewhat safer, as it could lessen the number of saliva droplets expelled and limit how far they travel.*

**THE FOLLOWING HYMN IS SUNG BY ALL, WEARING MASKS AND REMAINING SOCIALLY DISTANCED**

**Hymn 287** "For all the saints" (vv. 1-4, 8)

*Sine Nomine*

If you or those close to you are unvaccinated and have no medical condition that contraindicates vaccination, please get the full series of whichever vaccine is available as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns about the vaccines, please talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or other licensed health care professional. Follow the guidelines of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and your state or local public health department. Some postings on social media spread serious **misinformation** and promote "cures" that may seriously harm or even kill you.

After some 6 billion doses given globally, the outcomes are clear: the vaccines do prevent nearly all the vaccinated from being infected; and if they do get a breakthrough infection, they almost certainly will avoid admission to the ICU, and will likely not require a ventilator—and they deny the virus an opportunity to mutate.

All these things protect you, protect your loved ones, protect those who medically cannot be vaccinated, and protect the entire community. Thank you.

**Love yourself and love your neighbor, all in one jab.**

**The Post-Communion Prayers**

*The Celebrant then returns to the Altar and says*

Let us stand as we are able and pray together.

*The People stand as are able*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us pray together for St. John's in Transition.

*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 priest for this parish; 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.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Please follow the directions of the Greeters to exit the building safely and expeditiously*

*Due to Diocesan guidelines for reducing the possibility of infection, the clergy will not greet the congregation and visitors as they exit the building.*

*If you are a visitor, Welcome! Please make yourselves known to the Greeters, and if you let us know how to reach you, one of the Clergy or Vestry will follow up to thank you for worshiping with us today.*



*Announcements*

*To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this live, or on-demand:  
thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!*

*To support the mission and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, NJ,  
go to our website, <http://www.stjohnsboonton.org> and scroll to the  
middle of the page to the "Electronic Giving" link on the right side.*

*Your generosity is deeply appreciated!*



*Leading and Supporting our Worship Today*

The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli  
*Supply Priest; Celebrant and Homilist  
Cantor*

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine  
*Deacon and Intercessor*

Ms. Kathy Cascone  
*Lector*

Mr. Kevin Bidwell  
*Server*

Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr.  
*Organist & Director of Music  
Recorded Organ Music*

Mr. Bruce Parker  
*Zoom Administrator*



**Please Note: We have now resumed our regular in-season  
schedule of worship services, but with a new start time:**

**Sundays, The Holy Eucharist at 10:00am**



*In case you were wondering...*

### **Why does my mic have to be muted? And why should I read along aloud at home?**

One of the truths online worship has taught us is the difficulty of reading in unison when the people are not all in the same room. Individual voices travelling through the circuits and switches of the Internet will not all arrive at the same time. Yet unison reading is at the heart of our corporate worship, our “common prayer,” as though all our voices are blending into one as they rise to the ear of the Almighty. But we know that: 1) when God leads us into a wilderness, we will lose some things that give us familiarity, comfort, and meaning; but 2) God is *always* with us, leading us to something new, helping us see new solutions for new problems.

We believe God has led us to the following solution for this problem: only the mics of the clergy and the lectors (readers) will be active during the service. All others will be muted throughout. But this does not make the Office something to be “watched;” participation is expected of each of us, to contribute to “the work of the people” (which is what the Greek origin of the word “liturgy” means). The sections appearing in **boldface** are the People’s responses, and you, as the People, should read them, *aloud and with intention*, along with the speaker.

Even though you won’t hear your fellow worshipers’ voices blending with yours, you will still be reading in unison, even though each one is in a different place. You may not hear those voices joined, but God does, for separation by space, and even by time, means nothing to the One who is everywhere, always. If you are new to streaming worship, it may at first feel awkward to read aloud whether you are alone or with others; you will grow used to it. Try to remember that the very act of reading the same words at the same time as everyone else folds you in with the rest and anchors you in the community’s “common prayer.” And don’t forget, in worship we are always surrounded by the “Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven;” and even though we can’t hear them, what honor and glory to know that our voices are added to theirs!

### **What is “spiritual communion”?**

Long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church has offered a means for the faithful to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically. For example, in the service for the *Ministration with the Sick* in the Book of Common Prayer, the following rubric is given:

*If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, p. 457)*

In these challenging times, many people may find themselves unable to receive Holy Communion physically due to illness or suspended worship gatherings. We are using a venerable resource from the (Anglican) Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book (*Forward Movement, 2014*) made available by Forward Movement Publications.

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