



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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2024**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**CELEBRANT - THE REV. ANGIE CIPOLLA**

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Prof. Richard Alston**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthdays: Mike Shubeck - April 1  
Amanda Thorn - April 11  
Geoff LaForge - April 12**

### **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!

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## **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

Altar Guild:	Amanda Thorn & Elaine Sugzda
Acolyte:	Nancy Wall
Readers:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading& Psalm:	Dulce DiGrado
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading & Prayers of the People:	Patricia St. Clair
Usher:	Carolynne Baykowski
Greeter:	Barbaranne DiMarco
Eucharistic Minister:	Marcia Eversley
Videographer	Howard Whitmore

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God & in memory of Johnny L. Bronson given by Goldie Winfield-Bronson.

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God & in memory of Johnny L. Bronson by Goldie Winfield-Bronson.

### Vestry

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: "ON THIS DAY THE FIRST OF DAYS"

HYMN #47

## 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

"FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES" HYMN #380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117, St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psalmes octavois trois de David*, 1551, alt.;  
harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.*

## THE LESSONS

First Lesson: 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 the 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 shearer, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

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.

Second Lesson: 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.

Reader: [The Word of the Lord](#)

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

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

Gospel            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."

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**

Let us pray to God, who alone gives to his people the power for good, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Grant that your Church, constant in faith and love, may bring forth good fruit. Give unity to all her branches in the strength of Christ, the true vine. Make her ministers wise in the teaching of holy scripture.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Enlighten all in the world who earnestly desire to find the truth, and lead them to those who can show them the way. With your love, cast out the fear that destroys fullness of life.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Bless those are preparing for baptism or church membership. Keep us ready to help by our words and examples others who are seeking you.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on those who are without security of living and have lost their sense of purpose. Bring them back to the one sure source of life in Christ.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

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

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for the departed, that their love may be made perfect in your presence.

***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:* Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken.

***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 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 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 THEREFORE THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD"**

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**"PRAISE HIM"**

**HYMN #027**

# 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*)

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*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.*

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**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**“ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS”**

**HYMN #O196**

**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:**

**“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”**

**HYMN #0419**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

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