

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*St. Peter Heals Tabitha, Fabrizio Santafede, 1560-1623*

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*May 11, 2025*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.  
Please return them after the Service.*

## Choral Prelude

*Ego Sum Pastor Bonus*

Giovanni Bonaventura Matucci (c.1712-1777)

Translation: *I am the good shepherd who offers my life for my sheep.*

## The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

### Opening Hymn # 620

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

The people standing, the Celebrant may say  
 Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
 People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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 Gloria S# 278**

*Glory to God*

Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading from the story of the early church Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha.*

**A Reading from Acts (9:36-43)**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 23**

*the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*INTRODUCTION: This lesson presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb.*

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried

out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn # 645 The King Of Love My Shepherd Is**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*INTRODUCTION: In our gospel Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to belief in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. John (10:22-30)**

*People                    Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People                    Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector

**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 enter the heavenly courts of God, offering up our prayers and thanksgiving as we respond, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

#### **The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers**

+ Good Shepherd, send us forth to bring your hope to the poor, the abused, those who have run away from home, people who suffer emotional deprivation, children who are abandoned, and all who seek your holy embrace; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Lamb of God, take away the sin of the world, that peace may prevail among all nations and peoples; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Risen Lord, hold in your heart all who have died, and all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and remind us in our sadness that in Christ we are a new creation; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Shepherd of our souls, strengthen N., our Presiding Bishop, and all who exercise episcopal authority in your Church, that together we may seek the renewal of Christian faith in our land; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Bread of Life, nourish us with your Body and Blood, that we may follow you with increasing conviction and self-sacrifice; for this we pray.



*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Jesus, you send us forth to carry the Paschal flame; be with those who minister in your Name, and with all who seek to enlighten the world with your light; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

+ Lord of all thankfulness, instill in us a spirit of gratitude and joy for the wondrous gifts you have bestowed upon us; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O risen Christ.*

Keep us safely in your fold, O Lord Jesus, as we continue now our prayers, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the 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 Priest, stands and says*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of God be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem**      *Worthy Is the Lamb*      Henry Smart (1813-1878)

*Text: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

God 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 God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

***The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer***

**Sanctus**      *Missa Simplex*      Rihards Dubra (b.1966)

*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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

***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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 S # 154

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are:
   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
   
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
   
there - fore let us keep the feast.
   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **Agnus Dei**      *Missa Simplex*      Rihards Dubra (b.1966)

*Translation: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that  
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive  
Communion in this place. This is God’s house and the Lord’s table, not ours***

*INSTRUCTIONS: Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its*

base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know.

**Communion Hymn # 328**      *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest,  
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn # 625**     *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

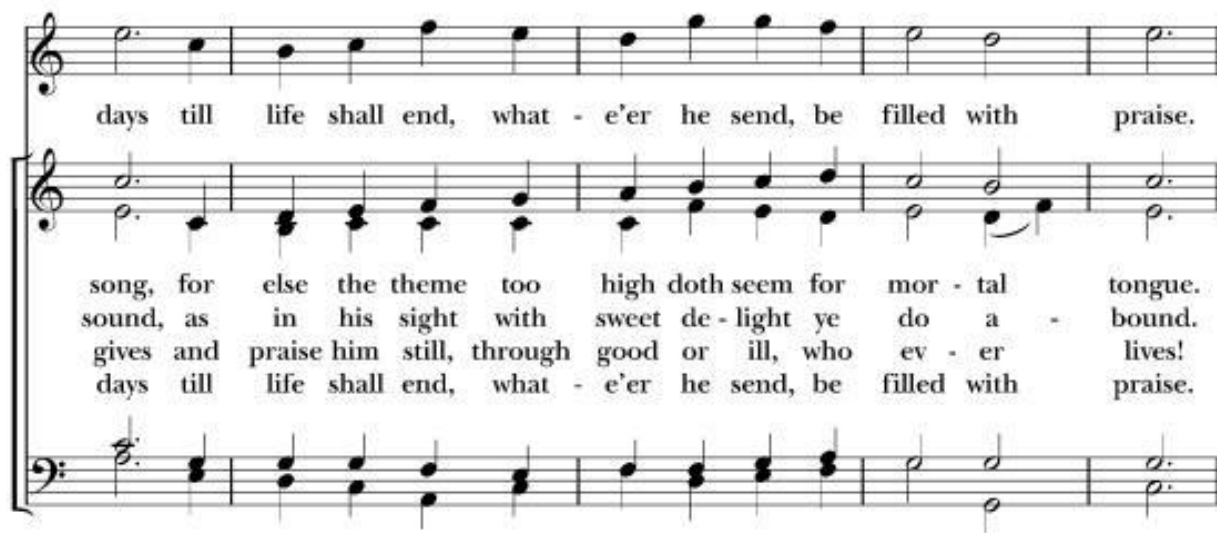
*Descant*

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy



days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

### **Organ Postlude**

## **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **Staff**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Rector*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Dawn Rosiello, *Parish Administrator*

Joan Burgess, *Foundation Administrator*

### **Vestry**

Mary Davis, Worth Bracken: *Wardens*

David Gillespie: *Treasurer*

Andris Kalnins: *Assistant Treasurer*

Karen Saxe: *Clerk*

### *Class of 2025*

MB Witt, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins

### *Class of 2026*

Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack, Robert Reynolds

### *Class of 2027*

Rebecca Bent, Michael Del Nin, Susan McFeely

**Diocesan Delegates:** Sara Coles, MB Witt; Laura Daly: **Alternate**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant and Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Hollinger: *Reader at 8:00 a.m.*

Sara Coles: *Reader at 10:00 a.m.*

MB Witt: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Virginia Reynolds: *Altar Guild*

Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer: *Ushers*

Corinne Johnson: *Coffee Hour Hostesses*



## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The Roxbury Congregational Church

24 Church Street

Roxbury, CT 06783

**May 16, 2025**

**12:00 PM - 05:00 PM**

*On behalf of the American Red Cross, the Roxbury Congregational Church will be hosting a Blood Drive in May. The Red Cross is now taking appointments for that event. To make an appointment, click to [go online](#):*

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>