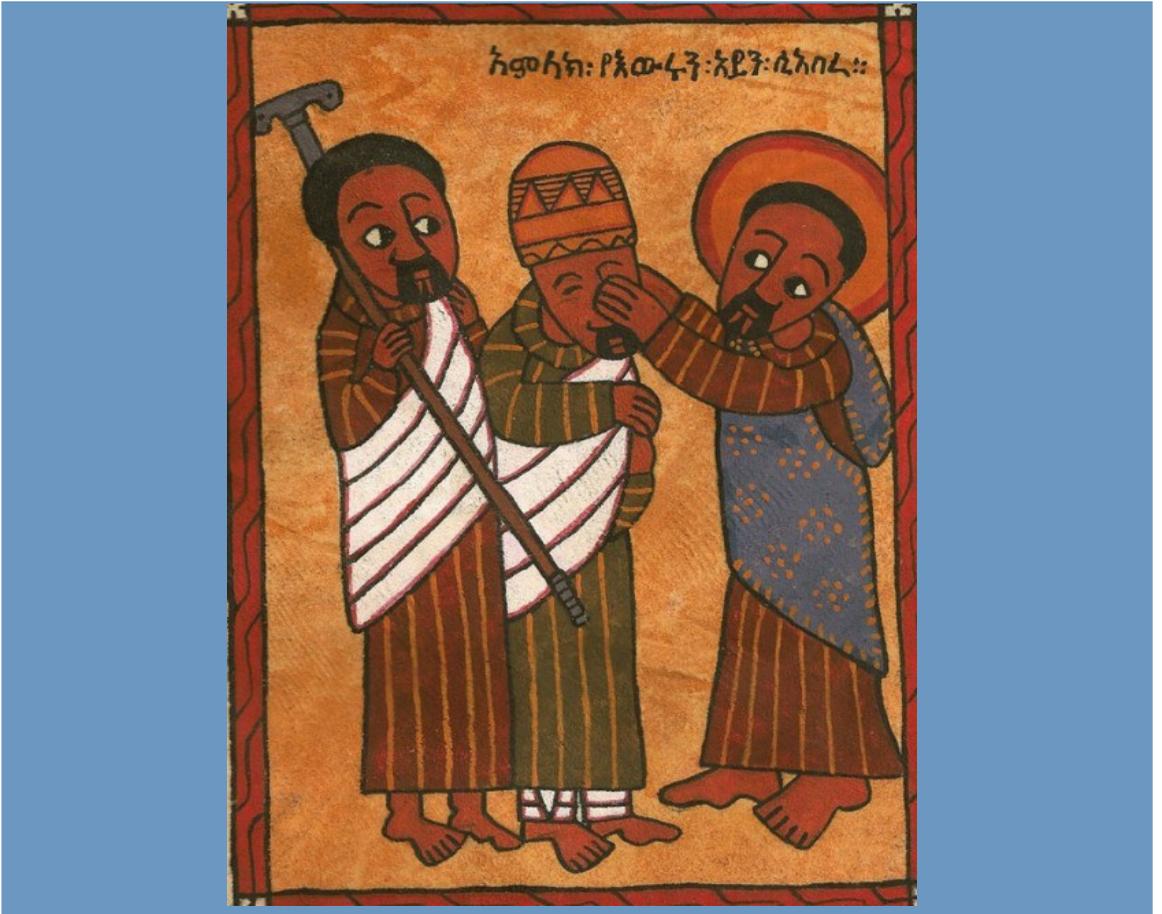


# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30<sup>AM</sup>



## St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Ethiopian Icon—Jesus Heals*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

### PRELUDE

✦ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

### THE PROCESSION LEVAS#120

“There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place”

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're

1. know that it's the Spir - it of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all \_\_\_\_\_ the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that \_\_\_\_\_ we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in  
 praise; With - out a doubt we'll know that we have  
 been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 2. There are  
 3. If you place.

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

### THE 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

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
 Celebrant: Let us pray.

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated for: the lessons*

THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF: ACTS 16:9-15

*Read by: Patricia Connolly*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

*Led by: Patricia Connolly*

1 O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
6 The earth has brought forth its increase;  
may you, O God our God, bless us.  
7 May you bless us, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you

THE SECOND READING FROM THE BOOK OF: REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

*Read by: Patricia Connolly*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

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

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 5: 1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

✠ *Please be seated for:*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B Gregorius+

✠ *Please stand as you are able and say:*

## 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 (FORM VI)

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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 Bishop Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Allen Shin and Bishop Mary Glasspool and for all bishops and other ministers;

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan Matsen, Tom Acheson, Frederic, Peter, Bob Gowen, Yumi, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Howard Flemming, Ellie Ruvo, Rosemary Recine, Robert Lynch, and Joe Smith.**

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Roberta Darrigrand; Jim, Marge, Deanna Ammirato , and Bill & Dorothy D'Amato.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina Brandt, Carol White, Steven Schubert, Jeff** and The Rt. Rev **Andrew St. John**

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School, and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.**

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

We pray for those who have died, especially **Angela Carrozzo** and the 6 million world wide and over 1 million in this country who have died from COVID-19

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Silence*

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your  
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

✠ *Please greet one another gracefully and with masks on*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Online Sunday School–  
Riley Vavolizza Tells  
Jesus, Peace and the Holy Spirit***



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN #467 VS 1, 3&4 “Sing my soul his wonderous love”



1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:



ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

### THE DOXOLOGY:

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, you heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Priest inserts Proper Preface*

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 SANCTUS & BENEADICTUS HYMNAL #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 again.**

*Celebrant Continues*

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 .

*Let the People say*

**AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

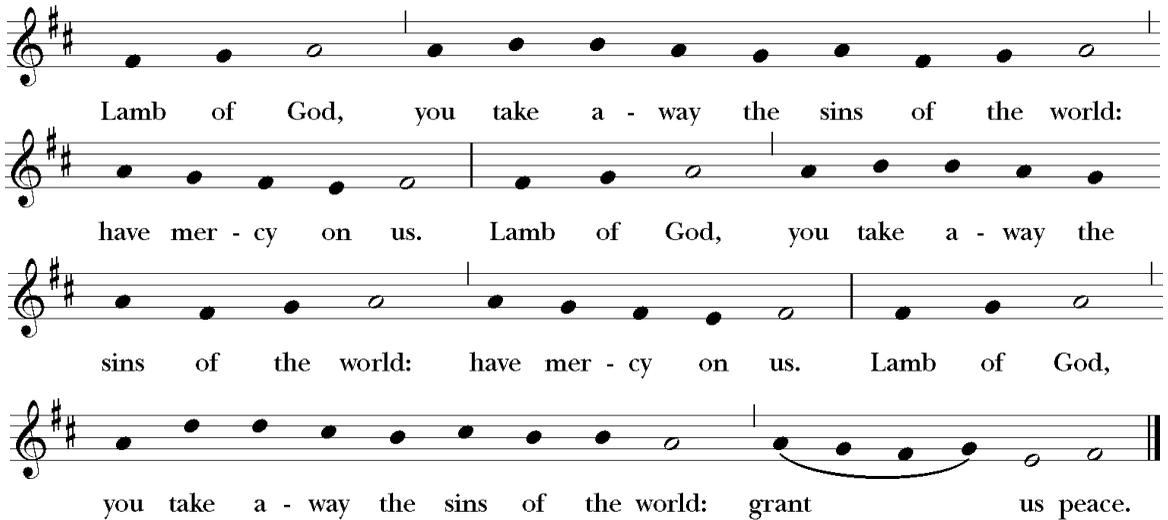
**All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

# ANGUS DEI



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.

Celebrant: 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.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN #325

“Let us break bread together”



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,  
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

✠ *Please join in singing:*

# THE CLOSING HYMN #533

“How wondrous and great”

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na-tions of earth thy light shall be shown;  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
O who shall not fear thee, and hon-or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg-ments shall spread all a-broad,  
Thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly su-preme.  
till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

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

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EDUCATE/VALIDATE PROGRAM** Please join the Church of the Good Shepherd for this interfaith -inclusive series of four zoom seminars to help you better understand, love, and accept your LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors. Program led by Julia Whalen (our own Megan's daughter!) and the Good Shepherd Vestry. Fourth and final Seminar May 22nd 6:30 PM LGBTQ+ and the Episcopal Church, Faith and the Bible presented by Bishop Mary Glasspool. Please see the website to register. <https://sites.google.com/view/educate-validate-program/home>

**YAI CENTRAL PARK CHALLENGE 4 JUNE 2022:** Donate, join a fundraising team or volunteer. Visit—[cpc2022.funraise.org](http://cpc2022.funraise.org) or contact Suzanne Cortese for more info

**THRIFT SHOP:** The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Volunteers needed please sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link](#). Helping out in the Thrift Shop is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners and express creativity!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** our next class is on May 24th at 5:45PM. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

**ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:** St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons are on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you want to be a storyteller!

**TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM** Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM;** Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897. We are reading the confounding and deeply mystical Gospel of John.



### DID YOU KNOW...

Do you know that **each Episcopal Parish** is lead by a **Vestry** comprised of elected members of each congregation? It is an example of **Democracy** at work. Have you ever thought about participating in leading our parish of St. John's? Do you **have ideas** to grow our parish? Or deepen our Spirituality? Perhaps you are drawn to **increase** our Ministry both within the parish and in our community? Or **understand** building maintenance? Then you are a **prime candidate for Vestry**. We are searching for one Vestry member and a Property Manager. Please, speak to Mother Mary+ or Warden Debbie Paruolo about taking your turn in the lead.



### Spring is a great time to get involved:

- \* Join the list of volunteer readers
  - \* Help the Altar Guild
  - \* Volunteer at the Thrift Shop
- \* Read a Bible Story for Sunday School
- \* Work with the Community Garden
  - \* Become Property Manager
  - \* Join the Vestry

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