



**The Episcopal Parish of  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
Hingham, Massachusetts**

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*The Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 30, 2017*

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**Welcome!**

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that within these walls you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you. If you would like more information about our faith community, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

**About the Service:** Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Service music, prefaced by an “S,” is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people’s responses are in **bold**. Large-print editions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

**Childcare** for infants and toddlers and play-care for two-year-olds is provided in the upstairs nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes start at 9:45 am and the children join their families in church during the Offertory. All are invited to Coffee Hour in Upper Weld Hall immediately following the service.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer a weekly contemporary Sunday evening service at 5:00 pm known as **S.W.5** and a 10:00 am Wednesday Eucharist in the chapel followed by an optional Bible Study.

To visit **St. John’s Online**, go to [www.stjohns-hingham.org](http://www.stjohns-hingham.org). Make sure to sign up for our weekly e-news *St. John’s Goings-On* (click the link on the right side of the home page); “like” us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter @StJohns\_Hingham.

## The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 am

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The Service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer.  
Collect of the Day on page 173. After the sermon the service resumes on page 327.  
The Great Thanksgiving begins on page 333 (Prayer I).  
Prayer after Communion – page 339.

**Participants in Today's Service:**  
**Lector/Intercessor/Chalice/Altar Guild**  
Irma & Tally Lauter, Jane Carr, Deb Dougherty

## The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 am

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PRELUDE: Prelude on *St. Agnes* Raymond Haan (b.1938)

*All stand to sing*

HYMN 193: That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright *Puer nobis*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE GLORIA

*Sung by all*

Hymnal S-278

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

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.*

### THE READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated and all sing the Psalm.*

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Edward John Hopkins



1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my<sup>1</sup>suppli<sup>1</sup>cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me when<sup>1</sup>ever I<sup>1</sup>called up<sup>1</sup>on him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the<sup>1</sup>grave took<sup>1</sup>hold of me; \*  
I<sup>1</sup>came to<sup>1</sup>grief and<sup>1</sup>sorrow.



- †3 Then I called upon the <sup>1</sup>Name of the <sup>1</sup>LORD: \*  
“O LORD, I <sup>1</sup>pray you, <sup>1</sup>save my <sup>1</sup>life.”
- 10 How shall I re<sup>1</sup>pay the <sup>1</sup>LORD \*  
for all the <sup>1</sup>good things <sup>1</sup>he has <sup>1</sup>done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the <sup>1</sup>cup of sal<sup>1</sup>vation \*  
and <sup>1</sup>call upon the <sup>1</sup>Name of the <sup>1</sup>LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my <sup>1</sup>vows to the <sup>1</sup>LORD \*  
in the <sup>1</sup>presence of <sup>1</sup>all his <sup>1</sup>people.
- 13 Precious in the <sup>1</sup>sight of the <sup>1</sup>LORD \*  
is the <sup>1</sup>death <sup>1</sup>of his <sup>1</sup>servants.
- 14 O LORD, <sup>1</sup>I am your <sup>1</sup>servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have <sup>1</sup>freed me <sup>1</sup>from my <sup>1</sup>bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the <sup>1</sup>sacrifice of <sup>1</sup>thanksgiving \*  
and <sup>1</sup>call upon the <sup>1</sup>Name of the <sup>1</sup>LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my <sup>1</sup>vows to the <sup>1</sup>LORD \*  
in the <sup>1</sup>presence of <sup>1</sup>all his <sup>1</sup>people,
- 17 In the <sup>1</sup>courts of the <sup>1</sup>LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Je<sup>1</sup>rusalem.  
Halle<sup>1</sup>lujah!

## THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb

without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord      *People:* **Thanks be to God**

*The People stand to sing*

SEQUENCE HYMN 204: Now the Green Blade Riseth

*Noël nouvelet*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he

vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Tim Schenck

*All stand to recite*

## THE NICENE CREED

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*The People kneel for*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form 4

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*The Leader and People pray responsively at the end of each petition*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy.

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition, The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

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

*People:*     **And also with you.**

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion as the St. John's Choir sings the Offertory Anthem. The ministry of St. John's is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning.*

Offertory Anthem: Surrexit Christus

G.B. Pergolesi (1710-1736)

This day is Christ arisen truly from the dead, alleluia.

*(edited by R. Proulx)*

*As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing*

Hymn 296: We Know That Christ is Raised

*Engelberg*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

*Celebrant* *People*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface then continues:*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

THE SANCTUS

*all sing*

Hymnal S-128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



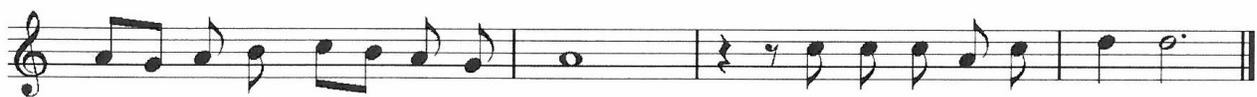
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven 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.

*As a sign of Easter joy, the People remain standing as the service continues on page 362.*

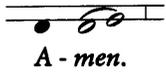
## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People:* **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes by singing:*

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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

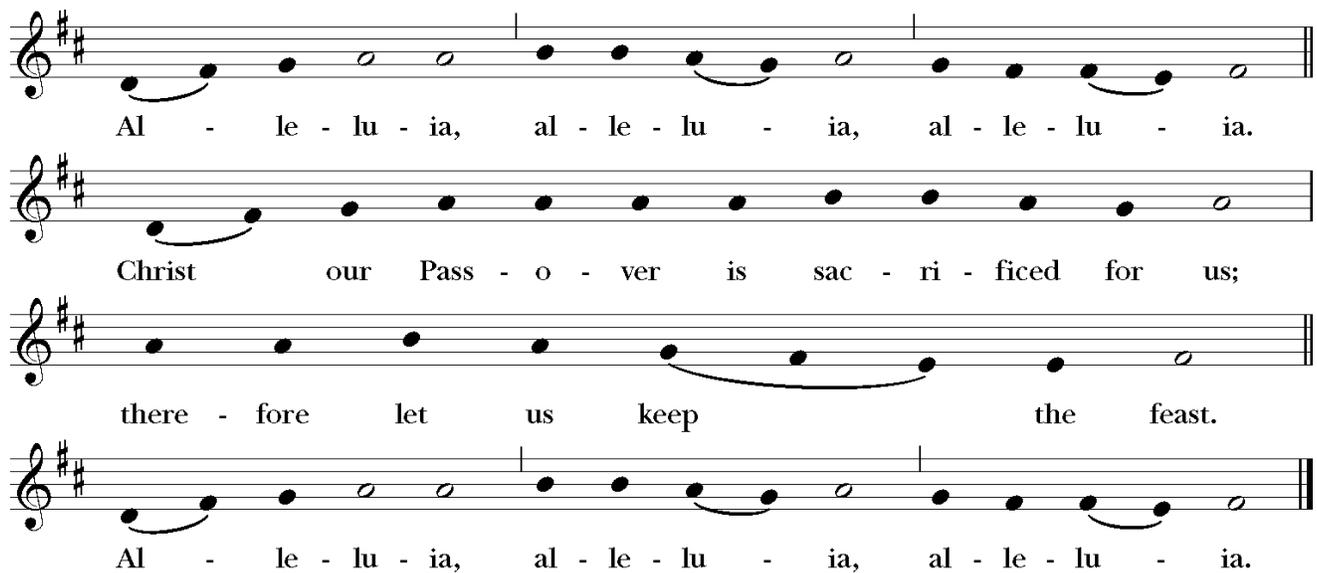
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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread all sing the*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-154



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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. In coming forward, please form lines on both sides of the choir. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, return to your pew via the same way you arrived. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, exit via the side door and return through the side door near the pulpit. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and help guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please tell an usher.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Aria: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the Earth. And though worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (from *The Messiah*)

Communion Hymn 305: Come, Risen Lord *Rosedale*  
Communion Hymn 343: Shepherd of Souls *St. Agnes*

*Kneeling, the People join in saying the*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Page 366

**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 the 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 BLESSING

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.*

*All stand to sing*

HYMN 208: The Strife is O'er *Victory*

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE: Trumpet tune and March Jeremiah Clarke (1673-1707)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for  
Cynthia Chace and Greg Eischeid's 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and  
Holly and Bill Carter's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*The Flowers are also given in loving memory of Philip and Sally Hayes.*



**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Noah Van Niel **Preacher:** The Rev. Tim Schenck **Assisting Priest:** Sister Adele Marie Ryan, SSM **Vergers:** Tom Daley **Readers:** Kaja Fickes, Paula Barton **Intercessor:** Phyllis Kidder **Chalice Bearer:** Danielle Magner **Acolytes:** William Buckley, Alex Vidal, Sam Hess **Choir Soloist:** Melinda Van Niel, *mezzo-soprano* **Altar Guild:** Arlene Magner, Wendy Ellison **Ushers:** Nancy and Mike MacDonald **Junior Ushers:** Abby and Michael MacDonald.

*Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:* Herb Cafarella, Becky Case, Alec Clement, Jo Duval, Lloyd Emery, Dot Finn, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Nina Leek, Bonnie Russ, Rebekah Turner, Bill and Shirley Wilcox. The full **Prayer List** is available in the tract rack in the church entryway.

**Are you visiting St. John's this morning?** Welcome! We hope you enjoy the service and invite you to join us for coffee and conversation immediately afterwards in the Parish Hall (located down the hallway to the left as you enter the church's main doors). While we hope you will feel comfortable asking any of our parishioners questions about the service, church school or other aspects of St. John's, please also feel free to ask an usher or look for our Welcoming Committee members wearing "St. John's Ambassador" name tags. Also, please stop by our staffed welcoming table and take a red visitor's packet to learn more about life at St. John's. Finally, if you are comfortable identifying yourself as a guest this morning, pour your coffee or tea into one of the green mugs on the hospitality table. This will signify that you are a visitor and would like to be approached for conversation. Again, welcome!

**Today in Sunday School**, the children are learning: *Jesus Helps Catch Fish*. Also, this morning, following annual tradition at St. John's, Father Tim and Father Noah will present **Bibles to all 3rd grade students**. For more information about Sunday School at St. John's, contact Sunday School Director Alexis MacElhiney at [amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org](mailto:amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org).



**St. John's Green Team Presents "A Bulb for a Bulb" Campaign.** In an effort to increase the church's energy efficiency and reduce electricity costs, we have begun to replace our regular light bulbs with LED bulbs. (Take a look up the next time you are at the altar and see if you can tell the difference.) To help us replace the remaining bulbs, we will be conducting a *Bulb for a Bulb* campaign beginning today, April 30. When you donate \$10 for LED bulbs we will give you a lily bulb to take home and plant in your garden. Our goal is to raise \$800 so that we can purchase the remaining bulbs. Please consider helping us meet this goal.

The **sympathy of the parish** is extended to Cheryl Bierwirth and her family on the death of her father, Fred Alexander. Visiting hours will take place today from 2 to 5 pm at Downing Cottage Funeral Home in Hingham. The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, May 1 at St. John's at 10:00 am with a reception following in Upper Weld Hall.

The last opportunity of the school year to prepare and serve students **Dinner at Epiphany School** in Dorchester is May 3. A group of volunteers will leave the church parking lot at 3:30 pm planning to return shortly after 7:00 pm. Contact Mark Banion ([mbanion@mac.com](mailto:mbanion@mac.com)) or Nancy Goldthwait ([ngoldthwai@aol.com](mailto:ngoldthwai@aol.com)) with questions and to participate.

Next Saturday, May 6 is our annual **Parish Spring Cleanup Day** from 9 am to 2 pm. Please see the signup sheet on the table near Upper Weld Hall or you may contact Deb Dougherty ([ddougherty9534@verizon.net](mailto:ddougherty9534@verizon.net)). Many hands make light work so mark the date, sign up, and we'll see you there!

Upcoming Events/Meetings at St. John's...

**April 30** – Newcomers' Committee Meeting at 11:30 am in Thayer Room

**May 1** – Youth Leadership Meeting

**May 3** – Epiphany Dinner in Dorchester; leave St. John's at 3:30 pm

**May 6** – Parish-wide Cleanup Day from 9 am to 2 pm

**May 21** – Bishop Gayle Harris visits St. John's at the 8 & 10 am services

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**About Easter Season.** While the Easter Vigil and the liturgies of Easter Day are the principal feasts of the Resurrection, Easter itself is not a single day but an entire season of the Church Year. The Season of Easter – or Eastertide – lasts 50 days and culminates with the Sunday of Pentecost (June 4). It is a season of joy as we continue to proclaim the risen Christ in Scripture on the Sundays of Easter. The seasonal color is white, symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection and the purity and newness that comes from the victory over sin and death.

*A few liturgical notes:* Throughout Eastertide, the Celebrant (priest presiding over the Eucharist) will sing portions of the Eucharistic Prayer. While we regularly do this for special holy days, we will again be doing this through the full season of Easter. Chant is an ancient form of praise and the Church has sung this particular setting for generations.

As in past years, the congregation will stand for the Eucharistic Prayer (the prayer said by the priest over the bread and wine at the altar) at the 10:00 am service. A common early posture for Christian prayer was standing and was seen as a mark of respect, honor, and Easter joy. The Council of Nicaea (325) – from where we derive the Nicene Creed – prescribed that on all Sundays and during the Easter Season, prayers should always be said standing, rather than while kneeling. Although kneeling is also a traditional posture during prayer, in earlier centuries kneeling was considered more a symbol of penitence for sin rather than a sign of respect. Thus, in early Christianity, kneeling was appropriate during Lent or at other times of penance, but not on days of joy. Parishioners are also invited to stand when receiving communion at the Altar Rail if they so desire.

The season is also characterized by the use of the word Alleluia. This ancient exclamation of joy is not used during the 40 days of Lent, the season immediately preceding Easter. Thus it rings out in our Opening Acclamation, much of our music, and at the Dismissal.

Finally, the large candle near the pulpit – the Paschal Candle – which symbolizes the Light of Christ, is lit during all services throughout the 50 days of Easter. The term "*paschal*" is Latin and Greek and pertains to Easter. It derives from the Hebrew *pesach*, or Passover. Through Good Friday to Easter, Christ "passes over" from death to life. At the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night service before Easter Day, the Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire and carried into the church in procession. After the Easter Season, the Paschal Candle returns to its place in the chapel. It burns at Baptisms, representing the new life of Christ that we share through Baptism and the newly baptized often receive a small Baptismal candle lit from the Paschal Candle. Church tradition holds that this Baptismal candle is then lit each year to mark the anniversary of a person's Baptism. It is also lit and placed near a coffin or urn at burials as a symbol of the resurrection.

**Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of  
St. John the Evangelist:**

*We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship,  
faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully  
living out our faith in this community and the world.*

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