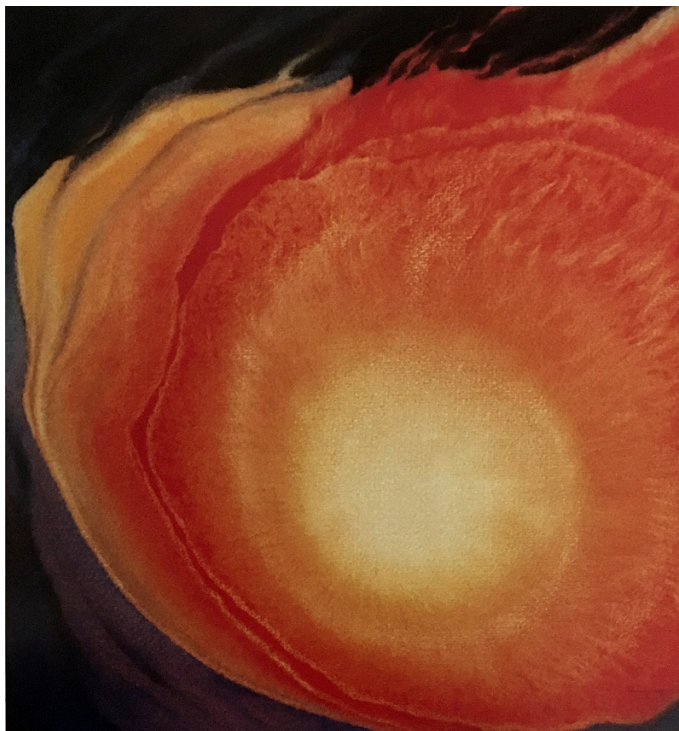


St John's Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter Confirmands' Sunday

May 10, 2026 at 10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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Altar Flowers Given By

Shelley Wilson

In remembrance of her father Donald Dickerson's birthday, in celebration of her husband Chris' birthday, and in honor of my mother on Mother's Day

Lyn and Don Klein

In loving memory of Carolyn Hacker

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Leslie Limpert, 415.419.4529 or leslielimpert@yahoo.com.

cover image

Title: Churinga (pure light, glory of God)

Notes: Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings.

Artist: Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn 180, sts.1,2, & 4 He is risen, he is risen
Sung by all, standing.

Unter Herrscher

1. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

4. He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

—Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider and People

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

Paschal Troparion

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

The Congregation is invited to stamp their feet when singing the refrain.**Collect of the Day***Presider* God be with you.*People* And also with you.*Presider* 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.*

Psalm 19. 8, 10, 12 – 14

John Karl Hirten

Please repeat the refrain after the Cantor the first time.

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. —REFRAIN

The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding for ever.

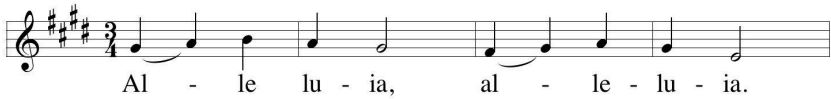
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are, all of them, just. —REFRAIN



So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.
 But who can detect their own errors? From hidden faults acquit me. —REFRAIN

From presumption restrain your servant; may it not rule me.
 Then shall I be blameless, clean me from grave sin. —REFRAIN

Gospel Acclamation Shepherd's Alleluia John Karl Hirten
All repeat refrain after the choir each time.



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Choir Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you. You, O God, are eternal.
 All creation worships you. — REFRAIN

Holy Gospel **Matthew 27:45-54**
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

From the sixth hour [of the day, or noon], darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour [of the day, about three in the afternoon]. And about the ninth hour [three o'clock] Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." And immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with vinegary wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Hold back, let us see if Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and relinquished his spirit. Then, look! The curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom in two. And the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split. And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. Then after his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were standing guard over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

Please be seated.

Reflections

The Rev. Heather Erickson
Harriet Bedford
Maddy Hellar
Christian Frankus
Otis Aley

A moment of silent reflection follows.

Confirmands' Creed

We believe in God,
Creator,
Who makes things happen,
Holy thing, Big, All-powerful,
Definitely not human,
Like a friendly person,
Who granted us free will.

We believe in Jesus,
God incarnate,
Carpenter, Teacher, Son of God,
Liked kids,
Changed water into wine,
Hung around people others thought weren't important,
Crucified,
Rose from the dead like a glorified zombie,
Loves his neighbor.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's presence,
Least known,
God's pet,
Same as God and not pictured as human, more like a genie lamp,
We think of her after, like an after-thought,
The spirit of God's good values,
How God comes to us today.

We believe in the Church,
The home of God,
A safe place,
Community,
A house of worship,
A concrete way to connect with God.

Prayers of the People

God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

For the people in our community and in the world who need our prayers...Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

For all who have died...Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself, making the way of humility and service into the way of life and peace. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together to love and to serve, and that in every place your people call upon your Name, for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

Peace

You are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory
Sung by the choir

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father,
and he shall send you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

—John 14

The Doxology

Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the
Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for
life in us be - gun. Al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

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:

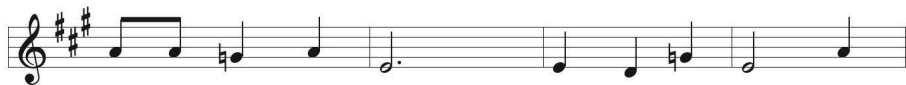
Sanctus

Norfolk Mass

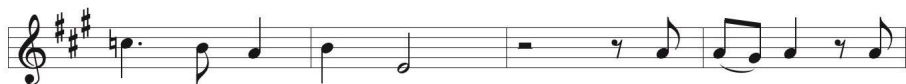
John Karl Hirten

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na, ho -



san-na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

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.**

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.

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

Presider and People

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,

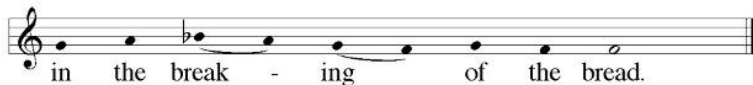
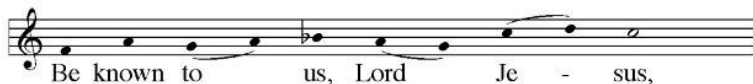
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
—*Refrain*
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
— *Refrain*

Presider

Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

My song is Love unknown

John Ireland

Sung by the choir.

(1879-1962)

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way, and his strong praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
- 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

— Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and 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.

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.

We rejoice in the hands of God. Amen.

Blessing of the Confirmands

You are invited to raise your hands in a sign of blessing.

The candle symbolizes the addition of their light to the light of the community.

Presider

Receive the Light of Christ and share it with the world.

Let us pray for these young people who have declared their commitment to Christ's service:

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. And now, send us out to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother.

People Amen.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

— Latin, 1632, tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Dismissal

People

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

**** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ****

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Youth Group There is no morning Youth Group today. Please come to the 10am to hear from our Youth Confirmands. On most Sundays, all youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 10am for a conversation about the question of the week. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather.

Dinner Church: This Tuesday All are welcome to the final session of the spring series, "Spiritual Fitness Training" in the parish hall, 6-8pm on Tuesday, May 12. The focus is what it means to be compassionate. When others face problems, are you inclined to fix or flee? In either case, this session on compassion is for you. There will be a list of reps on how to be more compassionate to others and ourselves. Suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of groceries. Please RSVP for dinner by Friday, May 8.

SVdP Bagged Lunches: May 17 During coffee hour (after the 10am) next Sunday, May 17, we are preparing 50 bagged lunches for St. Vincent de Paul's Free Dining Room, which will be distributed to those in need of a meal. We appreciate the help making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sorting the other items into the bags. Many hands make light work!

Men's Group Retreat: May 28-30 The St. John's Men's Group meets for its annual retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest, the Episcopal camp and retreat center deep in the redwoods near Occidental, California. The retreat begins in the afternoon on Thursday, May 28 and concludes at noon on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Enjoy good discussion, good food, good fellowship and community in a tranquil environment. Rev. Skip Fotch and Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams will help guide our discussion program. The fee includes two nights lodging, food and soft drinks. \$275: double occupancy; \$335: private room (limited availability.) Register here.

Summer Kick-off BBQ: June 7 All are invited to a parish BBQ on the lawn after the 10am service on Sunday, June 7. A complimentary lunch is provided by our Men's Group. A bounce house will be available for children, youth and adventurous adults. A sno-cone truck from Kona Ice will be paying a visit too. Bring a friend!

Parish Weekend Away: September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for

our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Families, singles, and seniors welcome. Online signup here.

Women's Bible Discussion: Mondays On Monday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, a group of women gather on Zoom to read and discuss books of the bible and sometimes other ancient texts. We are currently exploring the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

Bible Study: Wednesdays All are welcome to participate in this in-person class on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Youth Room. We are currently exploring Redemption in the Bible. Please email facilitator Ethan Dettmer for more information and to receive the syllabus.

Sunday School at 10 AM. We will have combined Sunday School classes in the month of May. We will meet in the Fireside Room. Kids from preschool through 5th grade are welcomed. After class, all children will proceed to the church to join their parents for Communion.

Music Notes The situation regarding music at the time of the Anglican Reformation is best reflected in the life and work of Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 – 1585). He served in the Chapel Royal for some 40 years, composing under four Monarchs with widely differing religious practices. Although much of his sacred music was written in Latin, Tallis was among the first to set English words to music for the rites of the Church of England. Stylistically, he served as a bridge between older musical forms and newer ones. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547-1553) it was mandated that the services be sung in English, and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." If Ye Love Me follows that imperative, being mainly homophonic (where all the voices sing in the same rhythm and all together) with occasional forays into polyphonic texture.

The poem "My song is love unknown" has become a favorite in modern hymnody, despite the fact that it was written 400 years ago. It first appeared in Samuel Crossman's *The Young Man's Meditation, or some few Sacred Poems upon Select Subjects and Scriptures*, published in London in 1664. The text was not published as a hymn until 1868, when it appeared in the Anglican Hymn Book. Many of the images in the poem echo the hyperbolic styles of other English poets of the period, and it has been compared to the lament of a lovelorn suitor. Composer John Ireland set this text to a tune called *Love Unknown* in 1919, first appearing in the Public School Hymnal.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship

9am: Intergenerational Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person & live stream)

Children's Sunday School

Morning Youth Group

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom)

2nd Tuesdays

7:30am: Christian Meditation

6pm: Dinner Church

Wednesday

1pm: Bible Study

2nd Saturdays of the Month

8am: Men's Group

SERVING TODAY

Sun (Worship Prep)

Anne Doyle	Altar Guild
Holly Kaufman*	Altar Guild
Susan Mackenzie	Altar Guild
Shelley Wilson	Altar Guild
Jo Burnett	Communion Bread Baker
open	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Pat Townsley	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik	Sunday School - Teacher
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10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

Claire Comins	A/V - Audio
Vance Frost	A/V - Video
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Skip Fotch	Clergy - Assisting
Bill Kaufman	Eucharistic Minister
Marian Mancini	Eucharistic Minister
Eleanor Prugh	Lector
Steve Allen	Usher
Lukas Bringard	Usher

11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Deborah Summerlin	Goodies Supplier
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PRAYER LIST

Members

Rosemary Morgan	Melinda Booth	Ted Anspacher
Betty Enemark	Travis Wright	The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet	Carol Hughes	Katie Hoertkorn
Signe Lando	Arlene Henry	

Friends & Family

Jezebel Wilkinson	(friend of Barry Druschel)
Maria Isabel, Jimmy, & Katherine O'Malley	(extended family of Lyn Taylor)
Michael Satzow	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Barbara Servos	(sister of Sue Talmage)
Naomi Talmage	(granddaughter of Sue Talmage)
Cindy Chase	(friend of Holly Posner)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posner family)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Will Kerslake	(son-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)
Cindy Sohl	(friend of Shari and David Kinney)
Sarah	(daughter of Paula)
Michael Daly	(son of Marty Daly)
Cathy	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Noelle Mullen	(former parishioner)
Ellie, baby of Aarti & Rick	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Mary Goff	(Sister of Betsy Bennett Smith)
Liz Colborn	(relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell	(friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Joy Burghardt	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Vera Grigorian	(former parishioner)
Leslie Gay	(friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers	(former parishioner)
Martin Ash	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

In Death

Osborn Howes	
Margie Burkel	(friend of Kristi Lambert)
Patrick O'Malley	(brother of Lynn Taylor)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Diocesan Camps and Retreat Centers: St. Dorothy's Rest, The Bishop's Ranch, and St. Columba Retreat House; and summer camp programs for youth

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

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MAY

SUN

Worship
8am, 9am, 10am

MON

Women's Bible Discussion
7:30pm (online)

WED

Bible Study
1pm

**2ND
TUES**

Christian Meditation
7:30am

Dinner Church
6pm

**2ND
SAT**

Men's Group Breakfast
8am

**5/3
SUN**

Newcomer Coffee
11:30am

**5/10
SUN**

Youth Confirmands' Sunday
10am

**MAY
28-30**

Men's Group Retreat
@St. Dorothy's Rest

**6/7
SUN**

Summer Kick-off BBQ