

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 8, 2022

## SUNDAY NEWS

Readings: Acts 9:36-43—Psalm 23—Revelation 7:9-17—John 10:22-30

Voluntary

*Idyll on 'Dominus regit me'*

June Nixon

Hymn 646

*Dominus regit me*

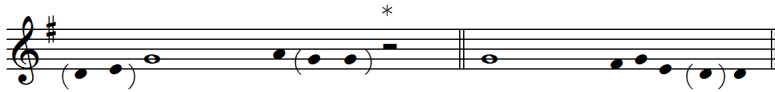
**Collect:** Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, the Creator and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for ever. Amen. (NZPB)

Psalm 23

*Please join in singing the verses as directed*

*Dominus regit me*

*We observe a breath—pause in the middle of the verse.*



Cantor 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; \*—pause—  
I \ shall not be in want.

Organ side 2 You make me lie down in green / pastures \*—pause—  
and lead me be-\ side still waters.

Lectern side 3 You revive my / soul \*—pause—  
and guide me along right pathways \ for your Name's sake.

Organ side 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / evil; \*—pause—  
for you are with me; your rod and your \ staff, they comfort me.

Lectern side 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \*—pause—  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is \ running over.

ALL 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my life, \*—pause—  
and I will dwell in the house of the \ Lord for ever.

Music before the Gospel

*Psalm 23*

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

Carol McKenzie, Soprano

Offertory Hymn 181

*St. Ethelwald*

Communion Hymn 424

*East Acklam*

Final Hymn 334

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

Voluntary

*Flourish on "Gelbet sei Gott"*

June Nixon

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# Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: May 8, 2022

**Music Today:** The choir sings a lovely setting of Psalm 23 by Thomas Matthews. Matthews sang as a boy chorister at the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine in NYC, he even assisted at the organ as a teenager! This setting is his most famous work and has apparently sold over a million copies. I had never heard it 'till finding it in the library here. During Communion we will sing Hymn 424 for the first time. Francis Jackson wrote this stirring tune for another hymn, "God who madest earth and heaven," and named it for the village he lived in during most of his life "East Acklam" near York. He had a remarkable life and died earlier this year at the age of 104. He was a chorister at York Minster and went on to serve as Organist and Choirmaster there for nearly his whole working life. The words we sing are by F. Pratt Green were written specifically for this tune. The Hymnal 1982 Companion says, "This is a brilliant hymn about harvests and modern issues connected with them."

**Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy," TODAY,** Sundays at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930  
Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

**Open Door Special Food Drive ENDS TODAY!** Thanks to all who have been bringing in food and personal care items for the Open Door Food Pantry. After a blessing today, they will be taken to the pantry and distributed from there.

**The Bishop is Coming!** Bishop Gayle Harris will be joining us at the 10:30 service next Sunday, May 15. She will host an "open forum" during coffee hour and then meet with the vestry and search committee. Please come and give her a warm welcome! Bring any questions you have for her. The 8:00 service will be cancelled that day.

**I'M A GOOD PERSON! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH? Race & Racism Workshop, Sunday, May 15, 2-5,** Church of St. Andrew, 135 Lafayette Street, Marblehead, Mass. Featuring Debby Irving, racial justice educator & author of Waking Up White. Workshop designed to support white people in making a key paradigm shift: from trying to "fix" and "help" those of other races, to acknowledging internalized views of white superiority and understanding how such views perpetuate racism at all levels. **FREE.** More information & registration: [www.standrewsmhd.org/racismworkshop](http://www.standrewsmhd.org/racismworkshop)

**Creation Retreat at Eastern Point June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Interfaith group of the Cape Ann Climate Coalition is leading a one-day retreat day at Eastern Point Retreat Center, Gloucester on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> entitled "Befriending Earth, Befriending Each Other." There will be a number of reflective and movement-connected activities (Contemplative walk/Earth Lectio, Labyrinth, Water Ritual, etc.) to choose from on the beautiful grounds of the retreat center. Lunch included. \$60. The hope is that faith leaders and 2-3 people per congregation will attend. Talk to Pastor Lise if you are interested.

**Collections for Ukrainian Crisis: Please consider making a donation to the** Ukraine Crisis Response Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development **THIS** week. Our Bishops urge all congregations to support the fund. Fund information is HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/ukraine-diomass>.

The Syrian Refugee Mission from St. John's, Beverly Farms, is collecting goods for Ukrainian refugees until April 30: socks, clothing, blankets, hygiene kits, medical supplies, children's art supplies or cash donations. Drop off at St. John's Church, 706 Hale Street, Beverly Farms or contact Gail Campbell, [gpcamp47@gmail.com](mailto:gpcamp47@gmail.com).

**Action Lunches Starting Up Again:** There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please join us in this important ministry. You can make the lunches in your own home. For questions contact me at [carolynstewart314@gmail.com](mailto:carolynstewart314@gmail.com) or 978-314-1381.

## **First Lesson: 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.

## **Second Lesson: 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 Gospel: John 10:22-30**

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."

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Participating in the Liturgy		<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Celebrant & Preacher		The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Hunter Ward	Lector	Faith Berry
Geoff Pope	Acolyte	Karen Kasper
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Hunter Ward	Usher	Connie DeSimone
	Musicians	The Parish Choir, Mark Nelson, Music Director & Organist
	Altar Guild	Karen Kasper & Melanie Murray-Brown
	Flower Guild	Gwen Kopka

**Coffee Hour host is Faith Berry.**

**Action Shelter Sandwiches** were provided by Gwen Kopka this weekend. May 28 & June 4 are open.

**Please sign up for future dates including flower and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.**

**St. John's Intercession List:** Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Steve Jencks, Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Don Cole, Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Barker family, Baxter family, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, Audrey Gordon Goldman, DeeDee Bedford, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Lynn Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.

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#### **VESTRY**

2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas

2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott, Melanie Murray-Brown

2025 – Steve Jencks, Dori Mottola