

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering William Diehm, for in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored- and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

**Celebrant:** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### **Minister and People**

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*

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.*

#### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

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

~Announcements~

#### **Offertory Hymn: SUNG BY THE CHOIR "O Spirit All Embracing"**

**Doxology:** Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! AMEN.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Celebrant:** The Lord 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 our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him 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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his Glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might be also, and reign with him in glory.

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:

### **Celebrant and People(S130)**

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

*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 by 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;**

*The 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 St. Mark and St. John 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.

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

**Officiant and People Together.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Lamb of God, you take away 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.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST  
AT GOD'S TABLE**

**Communion Hymn: 603 WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH**

**Post Communion Prayer and Blessing**

**Celebrant and People**

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.

**CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD, ALLELUIA!**

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

**Recessional Hymn: 494 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

**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.

**Prayers of the People ~ Form V**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, and Bishop Kevin- assisting Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Grace Church, Honesdale; St. Stephen's Harrisburg; Stevenson School for Ministry; St. Paul Loopo Parish, Kajo Keji; we pray to you, O Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, -we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; especially- and for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Judy, Nancy W., and Logan- that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church*

*May 17, 2026*

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*The Rev. Timothy Griffin*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 450 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People:** The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Celebrant:* 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 (S280)***

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

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** *Let us pray:*

***The Celebrant says the Collect:*** 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.*

The Lessons (see insert)

**HYMN: 495 HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS (VS 1-3) (VS 4)**

The Gospel

The Sermon

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2026 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter).. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

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BULLETIN SPONSOR: IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM DIEHM BY BILL DIEHM

**LAY READER SCHEDULE**

Date	Reading	8:30 AM	
May 17	Easter 7	Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
May 24	Pentecost	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
May 31	Trinity Sunday	Sue Urban	Jill Perry

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
May 17	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
May 24	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
May 31	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

**Pastoral Needs:** Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: [frtimgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:frtimgriffin@gmail.com)

**LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service**

**Card Shower- Former Pastor- Rev. John C. Wagner is gravely ill. Please send cards of well-wishes and encouragement. Hospital Address: Fr. John Wagner Albany Medical Center, 43 Scotland Ave, Albany, NY 12208, ROOM B321 or Home Address: Fr. John C. Wagner, PO Box 113, Nicholville, NY 12965**

**Email Updates:** Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

**2026 Bulletin and Altar Flowers Sponsor Calendar:** Check availability on the calendar outside the main sanctuary (on the wooden table) and contact the office to reserve your date.

**Cleaning Volunteers:** Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or [Dfrybikes81@gmail.com](mailto:Dfrybikes81@gmail.com) Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Choir will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:15 pm at Tolman House.** New members welcome!

**Community Dinners:** Dates Scheduled- May 31, September 27, and November 11.

**Blessing Box- Items most needed:** trial size toiletries, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes and women's feminine products, Peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned pasta.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND-** Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Judy, Nancy W., and Logan

*\*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office*



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### SERVICES

Sunday 9:00am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

### STAFF

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### CHURCH SCHOOL

Zachary and Melissa Baker

### VESTRY

**Senior Warden:** Deborah Fry ('29)

**Junior Warden:** Karen Gasker ('28)

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Jonna Li Catrini ('28)

Michael Leonetti ('28)

Sam Strohl ('28)

Robert Muscovitch ('28)

### Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

### Treasurer

Bill Diehm



## St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### Parish Mission Statement

*Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.*

*And now I am no more in  
the world, but these are in  
the world, and I come to thee.  
Holy Father, keep through  
thine own name those whom  
thou hast given me, that they  
may be one, as we are.*

John 17:11 KJV



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