

# A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

JULY 15, 2020 AT 12:00PM



During this time when not everyone is able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our [Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing [equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org). We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*        The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People*            *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy Women, Holy Men 455

God of the Covenant and Lord of the Exodus, by the hand of Moses you delivered your chosen people from cruel enslavement: We give you thanks for Raoul Wallenberg and all those Righteous Gentiles who with compassion, courage and resourcefulness rescued thousands of your children from certain death. Grant that, in the power of your Spirit, we may protect the innocent of every race and creed in the Name of Jesus Christ, strong Deliverer of us all; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A COLLECT FOR HEALING

God, our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire; by the loving kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray, that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### FIRST LESSON: JOSHUA 2:1-21

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, ‘Go, view the land, especially Jericho.’ So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, ‘Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.’ Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, ‘Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.’ But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, ‘True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.’ She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut. Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men: ‘I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you.’

For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.’ The men said to her, ‘Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.’ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, ‘Go towards the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterwards you may go on your way.’ The men said to her, ‘We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.’ She said, ‘According to your words, so be it.’ She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

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

### **PSALM 11:1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me,  
“Flee like a bird to the mountains;
- <sup>2</sup> for look, the wicked bend the bow,  
they have fitted their arrow to the string,  
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.
- <sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?”
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD’s throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked,  
and his soul hates the lover of violence.
- <sup>6</sup> On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulfur;  
a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.

**GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 19:10-15**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Pilate therefore said to him, ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’ Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’ From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, ‘Here is your King!’ They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but the emperor.’

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

**THE HOMILY**

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

**LIGHTING OF THE PRAYER CANDLES**

*In place of the laying on of hands, please feel free to light a candle as an offering to God for healing for whatever ails you or your loved ones.*

**THE LITANY OF HEALING**

*Celebrant* Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing. Let us remember those whom we hold in prayer.

*The Parish Prayer List is read. The people name those for whom they are interceding.*

God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.  
*Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.*

God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.  
*Help us give our doubt, fear, hurt, and grief to you.*

God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.  
*Help us move in concert with your life-giving directions.*

Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life,  
especially for those blessings that our present circumstances may make difficult to see.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they  
may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find  
reconciliation and new beginnings.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bless all who work to improve the health of others that they may bring hope, care, wisdom,  
and skill to all they serve.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they  
may know the peace that passes all understanding.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world  
to wholeness that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For these and for all other petitions that are too deep for words, we pray to you.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

You are the Lord whose promises never cease.  
*You are the Lord whose presence never fails.*

*Celebrant* Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw  
us into the very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that  
nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

*Celebrant and People*

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses and our need for your  
strengthening touch. We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault,  
while others are beyond our control. 5

We turn to you, Source of Life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

*Celebrant* May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

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

*People* *And also with you.*

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*Thank you for your support during this season of our lives: your generosity enables the work of Christ to continue here and now. Contributions can be placed in the offertory plates in the back of the church, or mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603) or given online at <https://stjohns-lancaster.org>.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 364**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 for ever. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR WHEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST**

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, we join in offering the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving to you. We present to you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, with the earnest longing that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive the Holy Sacrament, come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and love you with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength. Let nothing ever separate us from you. Let us live and die in your love. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

God the Father Bless you. God the Son heal you. God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to the heavenly city, where God lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Officiant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People*         *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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## UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

12:00 p.m.            Ante-Communion Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

2:30 p.m.            Food Pantry

### SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m.            Ante-Communion Rite I  
10:15 a.m.          Ante-Communion Rite II  
11:15 a.m.          Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

10:00 a.m.          Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m.            Food Pantry  
4:00 p.m.            Finance Committee  
6:00 p.m.            VH Dance (Auditorium)

### Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)  
NA: Mon/Wed/Fri - 12:00 Noon (All Purpose Room)

**FOOD PANTRY**— Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. Thank you for being good news to those in need. We are currently in need of toiletry items (please leave on the back porch of Becker House).

**3RD ANNUAL YARD GIVE** — Our Yard give is scheduled for Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th from 7:00am—1:00PM. Everyone is invited to take what they want and give what they can. Donations are currently being accepted on every Wednesday from 3PM-5PM and every Sunday from 8AM-1PM. For additional information, please contact Pam Loose.

**To worship in-person please sign up each week. The sign up sheet will be available every Monday on the website.**

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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The Rev. Matt MacDougall, Associate Rector  
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## **VESTRY**

Debbie Carter (Senior Warden), Webb Cook (Junior Warden), Sue Heilman,  
Tim Huber, Molly Moyer, Nicole Pham, Heather Trenary,  
John Gouveia, Joe Way, Annie Lattanzio Hale

## **STAFF**

Equilla Curry, Parish Administrator  
Gina Keiser, Financial Secretary  
Paul Reese, Minister of Music  
Richard Kuhn, Sexton  
Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky, Nursery and Security

## **PRIESTS AND CANONS ASSOCIATED WITH ST. JOHN'S**

Canon William F. Honaman, DHL  
The Rev. William Archer  
The Rev. Faith D'Urbano  
The Rev. Elizabeth Mollard

**GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE**