

# A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

JULY 29, 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

Generous God, whose Son Jesus Christ enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany: Open our hearts to love you, our ears to hear you, and our hands to welcome and serve you in others, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and 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: ROMANS 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

### PSALM 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.  
<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 11:1-7, 17-44**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

## THE HOMILY

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

## 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. 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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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.*

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

---

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

12:00 p.m.      Ante-Communion Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)  
 3:00 p.m.      Yard Give Drop Off (Courtyard)

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 30**

2:30 p.m.      Food Pantry

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

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, AUGUST 4**

9:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting  
 2:30 p.m.      Food Pantry  
 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 every Wednesday from 3:00PM-5:00PM and every Sunday from 8:00AM-1:00PM. 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  
amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org

The Rev. Matt MacDougall, Associate Rector  
matt@stjohns-lancaster.org

## **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**