

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

JULY 5, 2020 AT 10:15AM



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

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

arr. J. Althouse

OPENING HYMN

*We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord*

HYMN 404

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

*The first stanza may be repeated at the end.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

*Officiant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY****BCP 355**

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.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *Surely it is God who saves me*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY****BCP 230**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ “I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” — let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 45:11-18**

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.

12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."  
14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.  
15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.  
16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.  
17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.  
18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

**SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 7:15-25A**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     *Thanks be to God.*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN**     *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

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**GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

*People*     *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE HOMILY

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

## THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

BCP 358

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. *(pause)*

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.

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

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; we lift up All Saints, Brookland in the Diocesan cycle of prayer and in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for United Church of Pakistan.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.

*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.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed, eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do  
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE CONFESSION****BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

*Celebrant* 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** *(take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!)* **BCP 360**

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

*People* And also with you.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** **BCP 830**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as there days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE OFFERTORY

*Thank you for your continual support of the mission and ministry of St. John's. Contributions can be placed in the offertory plate as you exit, given online on our website, or mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603). Again, THANK YOU!*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Come unto Me, All Ye that Labor* arr. H. Willian

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.



## 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

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Come away to the skies*      pg. 11

**THE DISMISSAL**      **BCP 366**

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

**POSTLUDE**      *Rondo in G*      J. Bull/R. Ellsasser

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

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 7

10:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m.      Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

2:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

### Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

**FOOD PANTRY**— Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. We are currently in need of toiletry items (please leave on the back porch of Becker House).

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Barbara Russell      | 1  | David Gbur         | 14 |
| Campbell Way         | 2  | Rev. Amanda Knouse | 14 |
| Aidan Freeman        | 3  | Margaret Brown     | 15 |
| Reverend Bill Archer | 5  | Jennifer Gustafson | 16 |
| Lorraine Nolan       | 5  | Yen Le             | 18 |
| Kathy Kyper          | 6  | Sandra Jackson     | 19 |
| Debbie Smith         | 7  | Andrew Welaish     | 22 |
| Toni Ehrhart         | 8  | Mia Welaish        | 22 |
| Susan Tobie          | 9  | Hal Williams       | 23 |
| Susan Blevins        | 9  | James Glazier      | 24 |
| Selena Hasircoglu    | 9  | Nelson Lawrence    | 26 |
| Ellen Keller         | 10 | Jean Brown         | 28 |
| Frances Gouveia      | 12 | Foster Clark       | 29 |
| Douglas Brown        | 12 | Nicolas DiPace     | 31 |
| Irene Myers          | 14 |                    |    |

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### **I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS**

### **HYMN 692**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
    Thy head upon My breast.  
"I came to Jesus as I was,  
    Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
    And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
    Stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
    And now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
    And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk,  
    Till trav'ling days are done.

4. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "My Father's house above  
Has many mansions; I've a place  
    Prepared for you in love."  
I trust in Jesus—in that house,  
    According to His word,  
Redeemed by grace, my soul shall live  
    Forever with the Lord.

COME AWAY TO THE SKIES

HYMN 213

*Unison or harmony*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
 \*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joyce in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,  
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive  
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
 4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,  
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —  
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —  
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —  
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —  
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

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

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky, Nursery and Security

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

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The Rev. Elizabeth Mollard

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