

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

### AUGUST 23, 2020 AT 10:00AM



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

*Earth and All Stars*

arr. M. Burkhardt

OPENING HYMN

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

HYMN 522

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from c -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, sur -  
 shade by day, they feed the up - on the the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION****BCP 355**

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* 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.*

**THE GLORIA** (*spoken*)**BCP 356**

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****BCP 230**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

## PSALM 124

- <sup>1</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;  
<sup>2</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;  
<sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
<sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

**GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 16:13-20**

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BCP 387**

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 Christ Church, Coudersport in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.  
*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. We pray also for those serving in the armed forces.  
*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, especially Jim, Ty, and Carole.  
*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.*

We invite your own prayers of intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

*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.

### **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** *How Great Thou Art* arr. K.L. Philips

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** **BCP 364**

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

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and 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

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Crown him with many crowns*

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## GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DISMISSAL

**BCP 366**

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

**POSTLUDE**          *Toccata*

L. Boëllmann

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

### **TODAY**

10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
12:00 p.m. Blessing Backpack & Electronics Exorcisms

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

#### **MESSENGER DEADLINE**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
6:00 p.m. V.H. Dance (Auditorium)

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

12:00 p.m. Ante-Communion, Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Jubilee Adult Forum (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

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

*\*This is Paul's last day at St. John's. Please make sure to join us in person or online as we wish Paul well in his future endeavors.*

### **Weekly Support Ministries**

AA: Tuesday - 6:00 -7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)  
NA: Wednesday - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (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, cereal, pasta, and canned goods. (please leave on the back porch of Becker House).

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

# TODAY @ 12PM!



St. John's Episcopal Church presents our annual:

## Backpack Blessing & Electronics Exorcisms

(Okay, we aren't really doing exorcisms on our electronic devices, but we are aware that tablets, computers, and phones are also in need of special blessings this year.)

When: Sunday, August 23 at Noon

Where: Along the sidewalk on W. Chestnut Street  
(Masks required)

How: Socially distanced and prayerfully executed

Who: Students of all ages and teachers of all circumstances



HELP A STUDENT IN NEED  
AT FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Annual School Supply Drive

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE OFFICE DURING  
THE WEEK OR AT THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are collecting the following school supplies:  
Backpacks - Folders - Bottles of Hand Sanitizer -  
Notebooks - Calculators - Pencil Cases - Art supplies -  
Binders - Glue Sticks - Pencils - Pens - Markers -  
Disinfectant Wipes - Scissors - Tissues - Tape - Etc.



# *JUBILEE*

## Adult Forum

Join us every Wednesday in August @ 7:00PM

St. John's is a designated Jubilee Center in the Episcopal Church, but what exactly does Jubilee mean, where does it come from, and how do these ministries change over time? Come explore all things Jubilee in our final summer series.

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 2127 6460

Password: 041630

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

## **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  
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**