

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

AUGUST 5, 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. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

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

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the vision and skill of Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald and Lucas Cranach the Elder, whose artistic depictions helped the peoples of their age understand the full suffering and glory of your incarnate Son; and we pray that their work may strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and the mystery of the Holy Trinity; for you live and reign, 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: EXODUS 35:21-29

And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord. And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. All the skilful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the fragrant incense. All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill-offering to the Lord.

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

PSALM 96:7-13

- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.
¹⁰ Say among the nations, 'The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.'
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 19:31-37

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

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

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

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.*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

<i>Officiant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!</i>

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 p.m.	Ante-Communion Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m.	Yard Give Drop Off (Courtyard)
7:00 p.m.	Adult Forum (Zoom)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 a.m.	Yard Give
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 a.m.	Yard Give
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

Weekly Support Ministries

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

NA: Wednesday - 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

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Gina Keiser, Financial Secretary
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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