

# A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AT 12:00PM



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Lancaster. Whether it be in person or online, we are grateful to worship with you. During this time when we are called to practice social distancing and mask wearing, we pray you will find St. John's to be a place of hope and connection. We believe God is at work in our lives and in our community and invites us to join in the healing and reconciliation of the world. Please know there is a place for you in the life and ministry of St. John's. To explore the various ways to stay connected please check our [Website](#), [Facebook](#) page, and [YouTube](#) channel for additional information and resources. As always if you need prayer, encouragement, or community our door is always open.

## 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

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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: ISAIAH 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 97: 1-2, 7-12**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>7</sup> All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

**GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 28:16-20**

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

*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.

*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).*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**BCP 364**

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has 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>

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

10:00 a.m. The Village (Parish Hall)  
12:00 p.m. Ante-Communion Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)  
12:30 p.m. The Village (Parish Hall)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:00 a.m. Children's Church (Zoom)  
10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

8:30 a.m. The Village (Parish Hall)  
4:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Courtyard)

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

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: 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 toiletries, cereal, pasta, and canned goods. (Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House).

**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  
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**