

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE I**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 AT 10:00AM**



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

PRELUDE

*Alleluia by Mozart, Adapted by H.R.W*

OPENING HYMN

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

HYMN 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 323**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE TRISAGION** *(spoken)***BCP 356**

Holy God,  
 Holy and Mighty,  
 Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY****BCP 182**

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

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’”

“ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

### **PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
    make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
    and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
    let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
    continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
    his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
    O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
    in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
    because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
    and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
    and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
    so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
    and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
    his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

## **SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN**           *There's a wideness in God's mercy*                           see insert

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16**

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
                  *Praise be to thee, O Lord.*

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

**THE NICENE CREED** (*Please stand*)

**BCP 326**

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** (*kneeling*)

**BCP 328**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, responding after each petition, "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; and Amanda and Matt, our priests; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church South Sudan. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And to all the people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor and we pray for those serving in the armed forces. May we come together for the good of all and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may honor thee with our substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who are ill, especially Marita Houston, Lorraine Nolan, Edlu, and Warren; and for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and those whom we remember before you; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. John and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION**

**BCP 330**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



**THE PEACE** *(take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!)*

**BCP 332**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And with thy Spirit.

**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**      *Lift thine eyes*

Felix Medelssohn– Bartholdy

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP 336**

*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**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**      *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

see insert

**GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**BCP 340**

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

**POSTLUDE**              *Thine be the Glory*

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A BUNCH OF CHURCHES ARE GETTING TOGETHER FOR:

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Join us as we give thanks for our pets, celebrate creation, and remember the ministry of St. Francis.

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**WHERE: ST. THOMAS CHURCH**  
**301 SAINT THOMAS ROAD, LANCASTER, PA 17601**  
**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 6:00 PM**

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During the outdoor service, a free will offering will be collected for Heifer International, a development organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities.

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

### **TODAY**

10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite I  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting (Becker House)

### **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)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II  
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
11:30 a.m. Search Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **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).

**BOX TOPS**— As part of St. John's partnership with Fulton Elementary School, we have collected and submitted Box Tops for Education. A year or so ago, that program switched to an electronic one (allowing submissions of scanned receipts through a smartphone app). However, they're still accepting the clipped coupons from products that bear them. If you've continued to clip and saving those coupons, please bring or mail them to church sometime in September, and we'll take them all to Fulton for one last submission. (Please check expiration dates first – thanks!)

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

HYMN 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;  
 There is plen-ti-ful re-dem-p-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

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 e -  
 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 ev - 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

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

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

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, 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  
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

## **SERVING AT THE LITURGY**

*Celebrant*  
*Preacher*  
*Lector*  
*Ushers*

*Web Streaming*

*The Rev. Matt MacDougall*  
*The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse*  
*Susan Zuke*  
*Tracy Cliff, Webb Cook,*  
*Bruce Morgan, Len Jackson*  
*Joe Way*

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