

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

SEPTEMBER 23, 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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: We give you heartfelt thanks for the pioneering spirit of your servant Philander Chase, and for his zeal in opening new frontiers for the ministry of your Church. Grant us grace to minister in Christ's name in every place, led by bold witnesses to the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, even 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 44:1-6,8

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel. Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 108:1-6

- ¹ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul!
- ² Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.
- ³ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
and I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- ⁴ For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth.
- ⁶ Give victory with your right hand, and answer me,
so that those whom you love may be rescued.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 9:1-6

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, ‘Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.’ They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *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>

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Fall Clergy Day
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:00 a.m. Deacon Ordination

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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. Search Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. The Village (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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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VESTRY

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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