

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 6, 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. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Now We Pray unto Thee

OPENING HYMN

Singing songs of expectation

HYMN 527



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**BCP 230**

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

PSALM 149

- ¹ Hallelujah!
 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;
- ⁸ To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
 Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

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GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

 The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

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 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up Christ Memorial Church, Danielle in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Carole and Ty; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES **BCP 830**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

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 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

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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!*

BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter


help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.



September Birthdays

John Miller 1
Vince McGee 2
Sea Macleish 3
Suzanne Ali 3
Paula Wolf 3
Leslie Morgan 4
Deborah Logan 6
John Waskowicz 7
Alvena Kuser 8
Barbara Snyder 9
Jeffrey Stone 11
Dale Freeman 12
Katherine Mausolf 12
Ross Clark 12
Amy Dissinger 13
Sue Heilman 13

Ann Marie Lovett 14
Carol Ann Stigelman 14
Jay Noble 14
Elizabeth Murphy 15
Graham Welaish 17
Marianne Eckert 18
Fiona Mausolf 18
Stephen Forry 19
Robert Springer 19
Natalie Visco 19
John Mann 21
Robert Lee 22
Henry Noble 22
Maxwell Lester 27
Christine Cummins 29



POSTLUDE *Fantasia on the Old 100th*

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)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Becker House)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:00 p.m. Ante-Communion, Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00 p.m. Men's Gathering (Courtyard)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II
11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
2:00 p.m. Women's Gathering (Long's Park)

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).

SUPPLY ORGANIST—Please join us in welcoming Phil High as our guest organist this week. Phil has offered his musical talents to a number of churches including St. Thomas, Lancaster and St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg. Phil will be with us throughout the month of September. Please introduce yourselves when you see him!

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
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
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Nicole Pham
Kim Bomberger, Nick DiPace
Bruce Waskowicz, Brad Zuke
Joe Way

GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE