ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

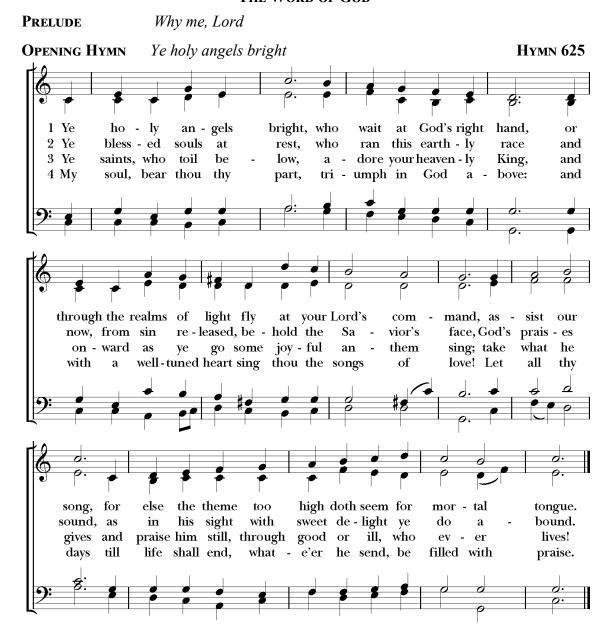
HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II NOVEMBER 1, 2020 AT 10:00AM



First Free Church of Pennsylvania
Est. 1853

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



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.

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

FIRST LESSON: REVELATION 7:9-17 (please be seated)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 (read responsively)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN I sing a song of the Saints of God PAGE 13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Baker James Lamb to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought

up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that

rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy

the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? **Question**

I do. Answer

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Question

Answer I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? Question

I do. Answer

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this Celebrant

person in their life in Christ?

We will. People

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and

renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISM COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father? Celebrant

I believe in God, the Father almighty, People

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Celebrant People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, People

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help. People

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Leader Deliver Baker, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE BAPTISM

Baker James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Baker James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

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!

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Baptized in Water

Hymn 294

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

The Episcopal Church invites all to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the front of the stairs when the usher indicates. Cup your hands to receive the bread and please wait to consume until you are back in your pew. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

Let us break bread together on our knees

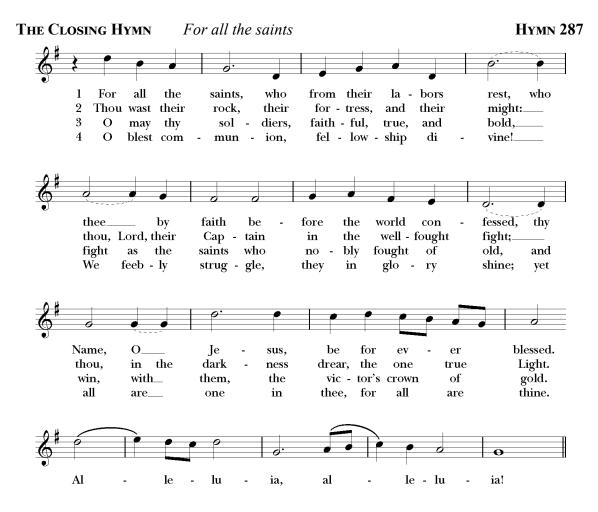
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING OF BAKER JAMES LAMB BY BRUCE AND LESLIE TAHSLER; AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEFAN LATSHAW JR. BY STEFAN AND KAREN LATSHAW.

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD



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ONE FAITH

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

November 1, 2020 12:00 PM

ONE BAPTISM

Annual Meeting

ONE LORD

Zoom Information Meeting ID: 899 9004 5538 Passcode: 309415

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Youth Group on Campus

10:00 a.m. Children's Church (on campus) 10:00 a.m. Holy Baptism and Eucharist: Rite II

11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom) 12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL (ALL DAY) & BAKE SALE (ALL DAY)

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium) 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Church)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. The Village (Parish Hall)

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Betty Finney Memorial Garden

Weekly Support Ministries

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

NA: Monday and Wednesday - 12:00 Noon (All Purpose Room)

THE MESSENGER— The November edition of the Messenger is available! Copies are available in the back of the church and on our website. Please subscribe to our blog, Facebook, and Instagram pages to stay connected.

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.

(To worship in-person please sign up each week. The sign up sheet will be available every Monday on the website.)

OUR MINISTERS

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