

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II

OCTOBER 11, 2020 AT 10:00AM



TOGETHER  
FOR JOY

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

### OPENING HYMN

### *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

### HYMN 362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

**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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 32:1-14 (*please be seated*)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once!

Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

**PSALM 98** (*read responsively*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN**              *My Shepherd will supply my need*              see insert

## GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

People      The Gospel of the Lord.  
              *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

## 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** (*kneeling*)

**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 St. Paul's, Harrisburg in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda. 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, we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; 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 Christiane Zust, Marita Houston, Dorothy Welsh, Ty and Carole, 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.*

Today we remember Ken Nolan Sr. and Judy Tighe for whom the flowers on the altar have been given. At this time, we invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

*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.

## 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 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** *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

*see insert*

## 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!

## POSTLUDE

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

### **TODAY**

9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 a.m.	Ante-Communion Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
12:00 p.m.	Women's Gathering (Longs Park)
2:00 p.m.	Shaped by Faith (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Becker House)
6:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

10:00 a.m.	The Village (Morning Session)
12:00 p.m.	A Service of Healing and Hope (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

10:00 a.m.	Communications Committee (Zoom)
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
6:00 p.m.	Men's Gathering (Knouse House)

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast (1st Reformed)
9:00 a.m.	Diocesan Convention (Parish Hall)
4:00 p.m.	A Celebration of the Life of Bobbie Russell (Private)

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN INGATHERING (PARADE)	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (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)

### **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).

# MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

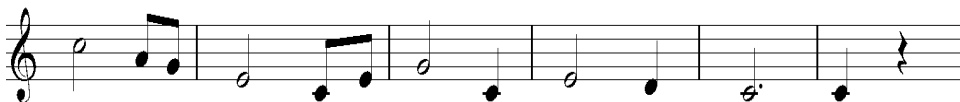
HYMN 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



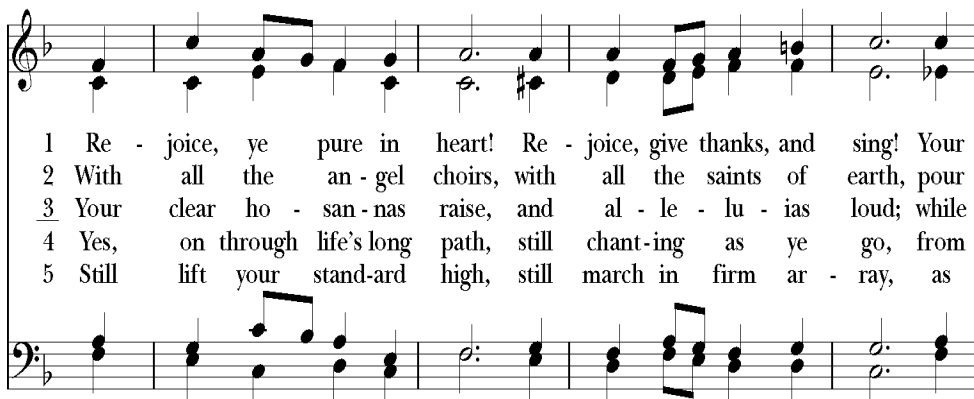
sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



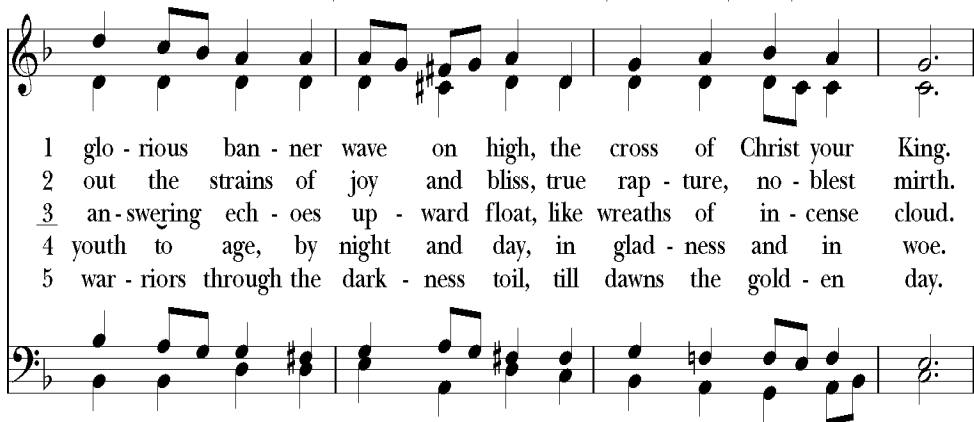
mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

# REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

HYMN 556



1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*



Re - jice, re - jice, re - jice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - jice, re - jice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Let's gather together in joy on  
Sunday, October 18th at  
11:30am for our ingathering  
celebration! We will meet in  
the parking lot of the Groff  
Event Center: 234 W. Orange  
Street for our pledge parade.  
Members of the vestry and  
stewardship committee will  
be waiting in front of the  
church to receive your pledge  
and celebrate our annual  
giving campaign.



TOGETHER  
FOR JOY

# INGATHERING SUNDAY PARADE!



If you've already mailed  
your pledge to the church,  
feel free to drop a note of  
joy or thanksgiving in the  
basket and join the fun! And  
don't forget decorated  
vehicles and posters are  
encouraged. Let's journey  
together into a new year  
with joyful possibilities!

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

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

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon  
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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

## **SERVING AT THE LITURGY**

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

*Web Streaming*

*The Rev. Matt MacDougall*  
*The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse*  
*Sue Zuke*  
*Charlie Rahe, Webb Cook,*  
*Julie Rodriguez, Ian Thompson*  
*Mike Williams*

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