

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE I

OCTOBER 18, 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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

HYMN 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”

And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Take my life, and let it be* see insert

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

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

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

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, Matt, and Stacey our clergy; 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 St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Harrisburg. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church. 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, Christiane Zust, Bruce, Mary and John Waskowicz, Dorothy Welsh and Mary; 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.

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. John's. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next music minister for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who are discerning the needs and dreams of our parish family, that we may receive an upright and faithful person who will share their gifts with us and empower us to share the gift of music with others.

Grant our search committee perception, faithfulness and joy, that we all may hear your voice in their deliberations. Grant us also the desire and ability to truly hear each other and those who have been entrusted with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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!

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 *God of grace and God of glory*

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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

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.	Ingathering Parade to the Church
12:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (Becker House)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 a.m.	The Village (Parish Hall)
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Martha's Ministry
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
6:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00 a.m.	The Village (Morning Session)
12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Healing Prayers (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 a.m.	Clean Up Day
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:00 a.m.	Ante-Communion Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

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).

MEMORIAL GARDEN— St. John's ministry is looking for volunteers to help clean up the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden at the Janice Stork Linear Park. Community members along with the St. John's ministry will meet on **Saturday, November 7th** at 9:00AM for this initiative. Social distancing will be observed. Park location is West Lemon St., just west of Water Street. Parking in Ponessa parking lot) Please let Dave Martin know if you plan to help via email note (mdsmartinduncan@aol.com)

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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VESTRY

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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

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Canon William F. Honaman, DHL
The Rev. William Archer
The Rev. Faith D'Urbano
The Rev. Elizabeth Mollard

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The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse
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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE