# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II OCTOBER 25, 2020 AT 10:00AM



First Free Church of Pennsylvania

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 <a href="Website">Website</a>, <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> page</a>, and <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a> 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** Hymns/Spirituals **OPENING HYMN** All hail the power of Jesus' name! Hymn 450 (vs. 1-3) All hail an - gels pros-trate the power Je - sus' Name! Let of 2 Crown him, of God, who from his al - tar ye mar - tyrs our Da - vid Lord did 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ve ran-somed of the Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the 1 fall; bring forth the dial dem, 2 call: praise him whose of trod, and way pain ve \_3\_ call, the God in -Man di vine, and car - nate, 4 fall, hail him who by his grace, and saves you 5 gall, tro - phies his feet, and go, spread your at him Lord of all! bring forth the crown Lord crown him of all! praise him whose way of 3 him Lord crown of all! the God in car - nate, 4 him Lord of all! hail him crown who saves you crown him Lord of all! tro - phies go, spread your didem, and Lord all! him of crown pain trod, and him Lord of all! ye crown Man di vine, and him Lord all! crown of Lord by his grace, and crown him of all! all! at his feet, and crown him Lord of

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#### **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.

Let us prove

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# **First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (please be seated)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.

The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

#### **PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17** (read responsively)

Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \* from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past\* and like a watch in the night. 5

You sweep us away like a dream; \*

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \* be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \* so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \* and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works \*

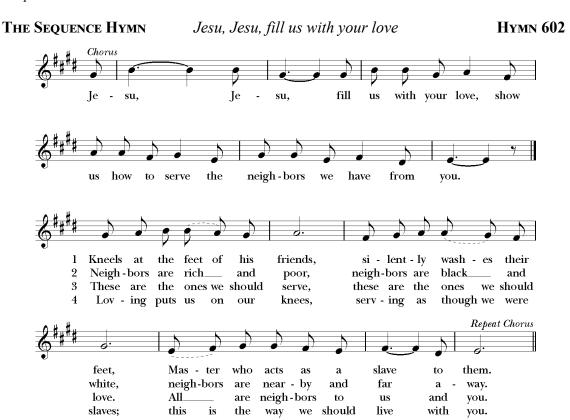
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \* prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

#### **SECOND LESSON:** 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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



Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet""?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People 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 the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Wales. 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 Marita Houston, Dorothy Welsh, Sandra Grove, Ty and Carole, and Mary, 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*.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

# A PRAYER FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE (saying together)

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.

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 Hymn/Spirituals

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 HOLY EUCHARIST

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing 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.** 

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.

#### 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**

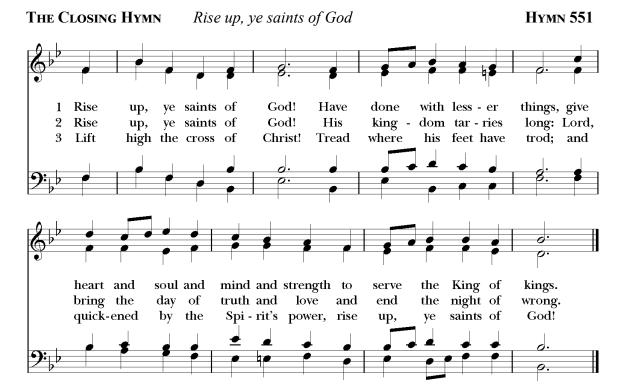
#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.* 



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#### 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!

#### **POSTLUDE**

# 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

# ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

We are in need of bakers!

\*\* All treats must be individually wrapped. \*\*
Please label items that contain nuts.

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The Election Day Bake Sale will be held in our courtyard and we need your help!
Contributions of baked goods are needed. Without the Eagle's Nest bakers, more cookies are needed than ever before (packaged 4 to a baggie), as well as breads, bars, cupcakes, snack mix, muffins, etc. Anything homemade is desired! All items must be prewrapped or bagged. Please bring items to church on Sunday, Nov.1 or bring them to the courtyard on Tuesday, Nov. 3 between 7:00 AM and noon. The proceeds of the bake sale will benefit The Village support program for our neighborhood kids!

# A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESAN MIGRATION MINISTRY RESOURCE GROUP



The Diocesan Migration Ministry Resource Group has learned that a number of refugees in the Lancaster area have lost jobs during the pandemic. In addition, Church World Service, our local refugee relief group, is welcoming more new refugees into our area. Both groups of refugees have a great need for items such as comforters, kitchen items, coats and cleaning items.

Would you consider helping? It is very easy to donate and can be done on-line. Just go on the Church World Service website at: https://cwslancaster.org/get-involved/in-kind-donations/. There you will find an amazon wish list with items needed. Thank you!

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

# **TODAY**

9:00 a.m. Children's Church (Zoom) 9:00 a.m. Youth Group on Campus 10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II 11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

#### Monday, October 26

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

10:00 a.m. Capital Campaign Meeting (Becker House)

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Becker House)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

6:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

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

7:00 p.m. Book Study

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

#### **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 amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org

The Rev. Matt MacDougall, Associate Rector matt@stjohns-lancaster.org

The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon stacey@stjohns-lancaster.org

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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 The Rev. Matt MacDougall Preacher The Rev. Amanda R. Knouse

Lector Ken Kiedrowski

Ushers Paul Dorgan, Toni Ehrhart,

Annie Lattanzio-Hale, John Gouveia

Web Streaming Joe Way

GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE