

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2020 AT 10:00AM**



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**

*Spirit Song*

arr. John Wimber

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**BCP 323**

*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 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**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST LESSON: JUDGES 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 123** (*read responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
    to you enthroned in the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
    and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- <sup>3</sup> So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
    until he show us his mercy.
- <sup>4</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
    for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- <sup>5</sup> Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
    and of the derision of the proud.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     *Thanks be to God.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30**

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

*People* *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise be to thee, O Lord.*

**THE SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

**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. John's, Huntington. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Ceylon. 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; Joe, our president elect; 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, the Williams family, Regis Heilman, George Geltmacher, 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.*

#### **A PRAYER FROM THE 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 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. 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 HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And with thy spirit.*  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*          *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*          *It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **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.

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*grant us thy peace.*

## **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **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.

## **THE 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.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *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.*

**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**            *The Trees of the Field*        arr. Stuart Dauermann/Steffi Karen Rubin

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