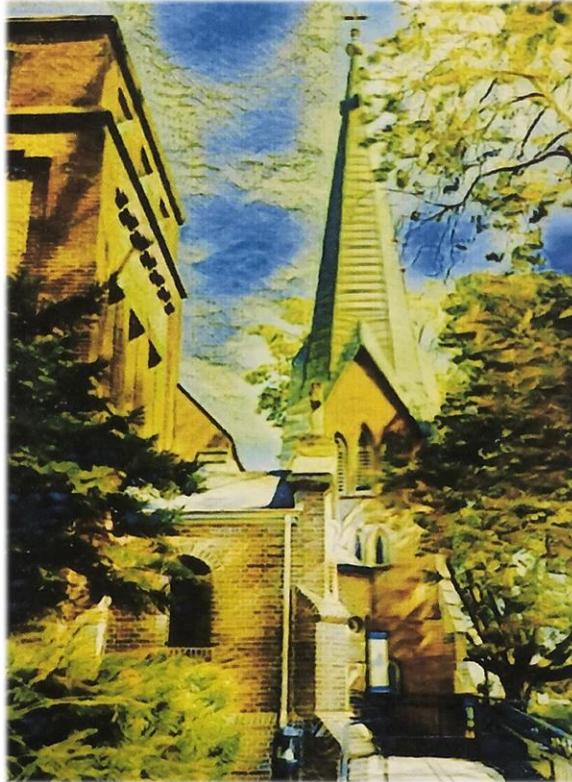


THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

OCTOBER 24, 2021 AT 10:15AM



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, Sunday School for all ages takes place at 9:15AM and opportunities for fellowship exist between our services. Our nursery is available for our youngest members during the 10:15AM service. During this global pandemic, we require masks to be worn as we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors and thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* American Spiritual
Chara

OPENING HYMN *How firm a foundation* **HYMN 636**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing*) **BCP 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

GLORIA *Glory to God* **S-280**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
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.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-9 (*please be seated*)

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall

come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (*read responsively*)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52 (*please remain standing*)

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON

THE REV. MATT MACDOUGALL

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form III *(please kneel if you are able)*

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches.
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; and Amanda, Matt, and Stacey, our clergy.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor. We pray for those serving in the armed forces.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Amy Swiernik, Missy Braden, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Geta, Joanna Torres, Ken Kiedrowski, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Tiny Nolan, Rick Hutzler, Lori, Jane, and Lamar Swisher.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; 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.

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

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

THE INVITATION

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.

COMMUNION HYMN *Christ has broken down the wall* *Arr. by Paul John West*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Jesus shall reign

HYMN 544

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Robert J Hughes



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jeannie Zeller in thanksgiving for her children Jennifer and Kenny.



Stewardship Notes: Last year we had 11 new pledges and 50 pledges increased! Due to the generosity of so many, our food pantry distribution increased, we didn't have to turn anyone away in need of rent assistance, and we were able to make numerous repairs to our campus!

*"I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:10-11*

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

Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, October 25

7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, October 26

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry
(Knitters)
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. VH Dance

Wednesday, October 27

12:05 p.m. HE with Healing
3:30 p.m. Eagle's Nest
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 28

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Community Meal Prep

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
NA: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12:00 p.m.

Election Day Bake Sale: November 2: November 2 is our semi-annual courtyard Bake Sale to benefit our Eagle's Nest Program. Our neighborhood precinct is full of faithful voters and Eagle's Nest supporters. And our St. John's family is full of creative bakers. So, let's get together! Donations may be brought to church on Sunday, Oct. 31 or to the courtyard on Election Day. Questions may be brought to the attention of Sue Martin.

Fall Clean Up/AID Memorial Garden Cleanup: Save the Date! On Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 a.m. we will gather at St. John's and the AIDS Memorial Garden for our annual fall cleanup. Bring gloves, water, rakes, and leaf blowers if you have one! Part of the cleanup at the Memorial Garden will include removal of some ornamental grasses. These grasses are offered, free, to anyone interested in transplanting. If interested let Dave Martin know to arrange for pick up time.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.



**You are invited to a celebration of the Saints!
On Sunday, November 7th, we will worship together
at 9:00 A.M. in one joint service.**

**After worship, please join us for our All Parish Breakfast
and Annual Meeting. During our annual meeting we will
celebrate the ministries of St. John's, elect our newest vestry
class, and look with hope to the future of our parish!**

St. John's Traveler Letter: Connecting us to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits! These letters are read in our Sunday School classrooms each week and are a reminder that our church extends far beyond St. John's and Lancaster!

Dear Pastor Amanda,

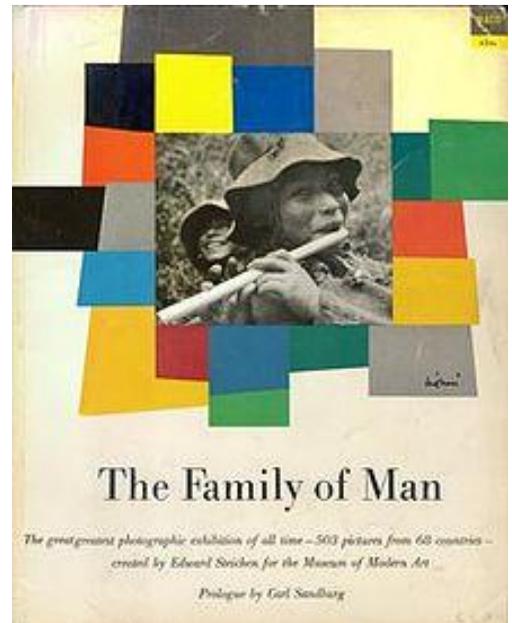
October 24, 2021

When I was a child, we had a book called "The Family of Man." It was a book of photographs of people from all over the world. While I and my immediate family weren't directly related to any of them, these pictures showed me that all people, from wherever we live, are all related as the family of mankind. Some people have large families of brothers and sisters and cousins, and some people are on their own but, if we look for it, we all feel a kinship to each other. I thought of this because today in church we're praying for the "Extra-Provincial Churches" in the Anglican Communion. My recent travels and letters have been from specific provinces of the Anglican Communion of churches. While many churches are part of a larger province, there are a handful of Anglican churches that are not members of any particular province. You may want to look at a map to see where they're located: Portugal, Spain, Bermuda, the Falkland Islands, and Sri Lanka.

As we approach the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, remember when our families have welcomed in someone who was living by themselves and had no one to gather with for a holiday meal. On this Sunday we'll include our parents and children and families in our prayers, and let's also welcome into our prayers our distant family members who are alone. The churches and people worshipping in the distant extra-provincial churches, who are part of our larger family. Let's all pray as one family in Christ, the Son of Man.

Blessings to you always,

John Traveler



LANCASTER CONVOCAATION FAMILY AND YOUTH EVENT

BATTLE OF ALL SAINTS

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL TRADITION! KICKBALL,
HOMEMADE CHILI, CORNBREAD AND DESSERT

11-07-21

12:30 P.M. (OR WHENEVER YOU CAN
ARRIVE AFTER WORSHIP!)

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Saint Thomas Episcopal Church
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WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by clicking the QR Code or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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