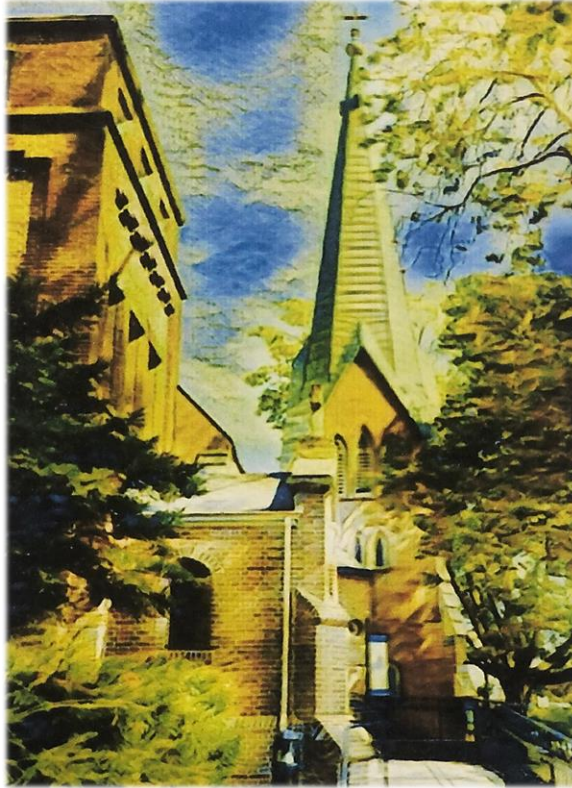


# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

OCTOBER 31, 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 9:00AM 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

*Lead, Kindly Light*

Robert J Hughes  
Based on the tune “Lux Benigna,”  
By John B Dykes

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on.  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene;  
one step enough for me.

### OPENING HYMN

*Praise to the living God*

**HYMN 372**

### 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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9** (*please be seated*)

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 119: 1-8** (*read responsively*)

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
    and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
    when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
    when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
    do not utterly forsake me.

**THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:11-14**

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE GRADUAL HYMN**     *When Jesus left his Father's throne*

**HYMN 480**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34** (*please remain standing*)

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

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA 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: A FUTURE WITH HOPE**

In gratitude for all we have received, for a future with hope, we gather to offer our intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; and our clergy and leadership. Pray for the Church.

*God has a plan for us.*

We pray for the world and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. We pray especially for the Glasgow summit. Bless and guide our President, Joe; our Governor, Tom; and our Mayor, Danene. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice.

*God has a plan for us.*

We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. Help us to recognize the impact our gifts make in our community.

*God has a plan for us.*

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets. We pray for Amy, Missy Braden, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole, Dave, Emily Lavender, Geta, Joanna Torres, Ken Kiedrowski, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Tiny Nolan, Rick Hutzler, Jane, and Lamar Swisher. We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*God has a plan for us.*

We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you for their care of this community and for the love they have shared.

*God has a plan for us.*

*Officiant*      Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is the most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Thank you for having a plan for us; a plan that includes a future with hope. 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE OFFERTORY** *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* Text by W. Kethe  
Arranged by R Vaughan Williams

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *As those of old their first fruits brought* **HYMN 705**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A** **BCP 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

**HYMN S-130**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. 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 forever.  
**AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**S-149**

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**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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### **SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** (*standing*)

*Celebrant* We who are many are one body.  
*People* Because we all share one bread, one cup.

### **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

Go now into the world, inspired by the radiant love of God. Live generously, with open hands, loving one another as if your lives depended on it. Be good stewards of the gifts you have received, so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do.

And may the abundant love of God surround you, may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you, and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always! Amen.

## THE CLOSING HYMN

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

**HYMN 522**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*A Celebration of Praise*

James Denton

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Latshaw Family in loving memory of Stefan Latshaw, Jr.*

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*Refrain*



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah.  
jah.



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah.  
jah.



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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## 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, November 1

5:30 p.m. Daughter of the King (Courtyard)  
7:00 p.m. Ministries Council

### Tuesday, November 2

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

### Wednesday, November 3

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

### Thursday, November 4

10:00a.m. Worship Committee  
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### Friday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Community Meal Prep

### Saturday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Fall Cleanup

### Weekly Support Ministries

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

**Fall Clean Up/AID Memorial Garden Cleanup:** Save the Date! This 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.

**Food Pantry:** Our Food Pantry is responding to increased needs of our neighbors. We're currently blessed to receive some basic food items from the Central PA Food Bank, but we hope you can help us with some special Thanksgiving-related items: instant potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, and if you are offered a free turkey or ham by your grocery store, we'd be glad to pass that along, too!

## 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!

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Dear Pastor Amanda,

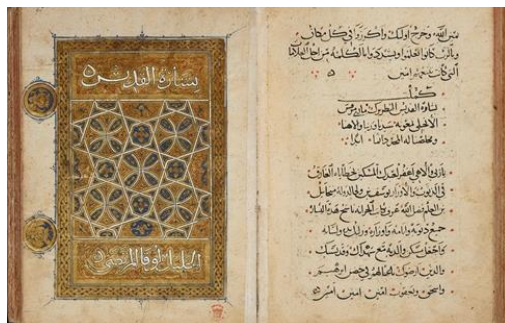
October 31, 2021

If you and the children at St. John's have the opportunity to travel around the world, one of the first things you may notice is that people speak a lot of different languages. It makes it interesting, and sometimes funny, to figure out how to ask "where's the bus station" or "where's the bathroom" or "what is this that we're eating for dinner"? It also makes it a challenge to share stories with others who don't speak or understand the language I'm speaking. Have you ever tried to tell someone who doesn't speak English how to find St. John's, or when worship services are? Did you use a lot of hand motions? I do. On another note, have you ever picked up a book that is written in a different language? It's hard to understand if you don't know what it says. That may be why *Harry Potter* has been translated into more than 80 languages! Those translations help spread the story.

The story of the church, and of Jesus, was first shared and spread by people in the Holy land who all spoke the same language. As the story was shared in lands farther away, it had to be translated, too. It would be so cool if you could preach and people from all different countries understood you, just as in the second chapter of Acts. If that doesn't happen, though, we rely on translations of the stories we want to share. The Anglican Church in Alexandria (northern Egypt – not northern Virginia) started to grow in the early 1800's because missionaries from England shared copies of the Gospel stories written not in English, but in Arabic. And by learning in Arabic the same stories we learn in English, the people here will know that we are praying for them, from all over the world, in all different languages.

Blessings to you always,

John Traveler



The Gospel according to Luke

# 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!**

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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## 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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