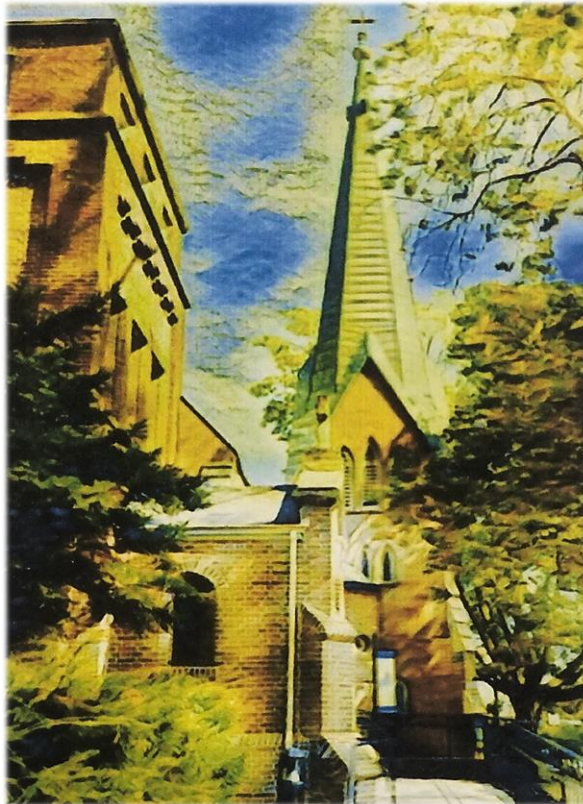


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
JANUARY 30 AT 10:15 A.M.



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. 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

*Chorale Prelude on Ellers*

*George Blake*  
Tune by E J Hopkins

### OPENING HYMN

*As with gladness men of old*

**HYMN 119**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing)*

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 1:4-10 *(please be seated)*

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am

with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 71:1-6** (*read responsively*)

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

**THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*What star is this, with beams so bright*

**HYMN 124**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 4:21-30 (*please remain standing*)

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE 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:** Form IV *(The leader and people pray responsively)*

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 pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Matt, and Stacey, our clergy. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Manheim and The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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 Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and 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 John Symonds, Amy Swiernik, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Tiny Nolan, Kathy, Mary Ellen, Sandra Grove, Paula Wolf, Karan, Eric, Doris, and Claire Phillips, 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.*

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The flowers on the altar are giving by Eileen Pugliese in loving memory  
of her parents, Paul & Betty; husband, Pat; and sister, Jean.*

**THE OFFERTORY**                      *Jesus, Joy Of My Heart*                      *J S Bach*  
Arr. George Blake

**THE DOXOLOGY**                      *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*                      **OLD 100TH**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: THE ADVENT COMPANION

*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 our thanks and praise.

It is good to give you thanks, O God, source of abundant life; through Jesus Christ your eternal Word who creates all things by the working of your spirit. For he is the reflection of your glory, the very imprint of your being. In him you have become one with us that we might become one with you. And so we raise our voices with saints and angels and all creation in joyful praise to you singing,

**SANCTUS**                      *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of you 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.*                      **S-125**

Holy and wondrous God, long ago you spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways. And in these last days you have spoken to us in your Word made flesh, Jesus, who proclaimed your dream of peace. He gave himself for our weary world, accepting death so that we might live, and held our darkness deep within until through cross and grave and empty tomb he set us free for love.

On the night before he died for us 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.*

Recalling his death and resurrection, and longing for his coming in glory we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us that we might be a people of grace and truth, bearing good news of joy in every season.

And bring us at the last with Mary and Joseph and all your Saints to that vision of eternal splendor for which you have created us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. **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**

*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.

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.  
*People* *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*I come, the great Redeemer cries*

**Hymn 116**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

*Lionel Lackey*

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (zoom)  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### Tuesday, February 1

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry  
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
5:00 p.m. VH Dance  
6:30 p.m. Adult Forum (zoom)

### Wednesday, February 2

12:05 p.m. HE with Healing

### Thursday, February 3

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

### Weekly Support Ministries

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

**New Office Hours:** Monday: Office closed (staff is available for pastoral emergencies)  
Tues-Thurs: 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Adult Forum:** Our adult forum series exploring the book, “Holy Imagination” takes place Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on zoom. Please join us as we rediscover the power of the imagination through the study of scripture. In preparation of this Tuesday’s class, read chapter 2 of the book. The Zoom Meeting ID: 831 8777 3889/& Passcode: 796078

**Nights of Light and Bead:** Join Deacon Stacey as she celebrates The Season of Epiphany by praying the Anglican Rosary Thursday evenings during the month of February. The service, on Zoom, will take place at 6:30 p.m. Bring your heart, your smile, and a set of Anglican Prayer Beads if you have them. A lit candle can be used as well. The Zoom Meeting ID: 816 3808 2647 & Passcode: 687411

**Sock Drive:** Socks are one of the most needed, but least donated articles of clothing for our homeless brothers and sisters. Please help us put cold feet into warm socks, by donating a pair of new socks. Gently used hats and gloves are also welcome. Drop off donations Sunday mornings in the atrium or at the office during office hours!

## **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!

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Dear Pastor Amanda,

I hope you are enjoying winter in North America! This week I write to you from sunny Madagascar, a large island in the Indian Ocean and one of the islands featured in this week's Anglican Cycle of Prayer - the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. I've spent the past few days traveling by plane to the different islands that make up this province, and I've never seen water so blue!

Earlier this week, I was in the tiny island nation of the Seychelles, which isn't too far off the coast of Africa. To give you an idea of how small it is, it's only about twice the size of Lancaster city! I spoke with some of the locals there, many of whom work in the tourist industry. The few farmers I ran into grew some pretty interesting crops, including sweet potatoes, vanilla beans, and cinnamon - I don't think you see much of that growing in Pennsylvania!

While I was both there and in Madagascar, I was reminded of the good work done by Episcopal Relief and Development, a group within the Episcopal church that works with almost 40 countries to combat hunger, fight disease, and respond to disasters across the world. In 2018, when Tropical Cyclone Ava hit Madagascar, Episcopal Relief and Development donated money and provided help to the people on the island to recover from that horrible disaster. For example, they were able to send a certain type of quick-growing rice and bean seed to affected families so that those families who depend on these crops for their livelihood can recover faster than ever. It's inspiring to see and hear about!

It's a wonderful thing to be over here and, despite all the negative stories you see in the news, see firsthand all that is good out there. The world can be a scary place sometimes but if you're like me, talking to regular people and hearing their stories can make everything a little more bearable. The people of Madagascar and the Seychelles have been so good to me. I hope the people around you have been the same - after all, we are all the same people, all made in the image of God.

Sending blessings,  
John Traveler

## 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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