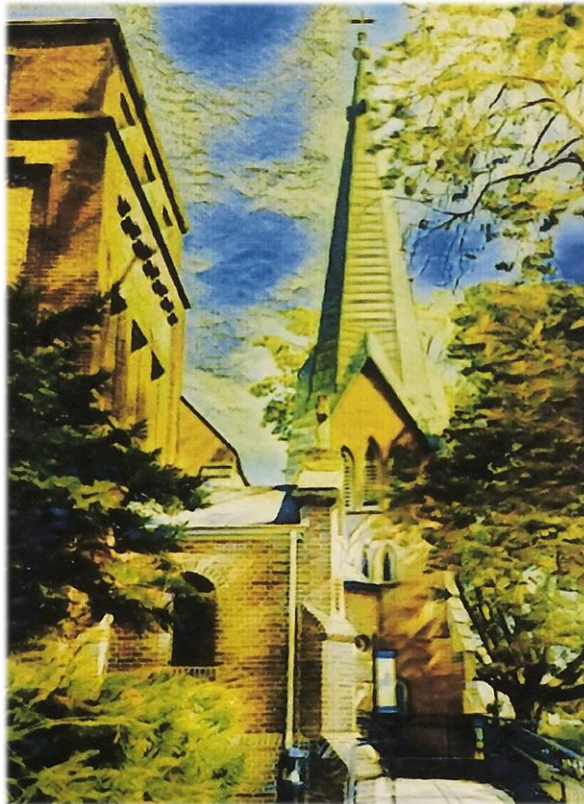


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JANUARY 23 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

The Mind of God

Tune: WARRICK, John L Bell
Sue Zuke, soprano

OPENING HYMN

How firm a foundation

HYMN 636

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6. 8-10 *(please be seated)*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early

morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 *(read responsively)*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21 (*please remain standing*)

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

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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. Matthew's, Sunbury and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. 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, Rich Hartley, Karan, Eric, Doris, and Bill, 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, especially Ken Kiedrowski, 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 OFFERTORY

Offertory

John Ness Beck (ASCAP)
Sue Zuke, soprano

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.*

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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

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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.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the front of the chancel steps when the usher indicates. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

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

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn 135

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fling Wide The Gates

John Stainer
Arr. Lani Smith
From *The Crucifixion*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
1:00 p.m. Convocation Youth Event
(Roller Skating)

Tuesday, January 25

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 on Zoom

Wednesday, January 26

12:05 p.m. HE with Healing
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. Nights of Light & Bead

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.*
**Please note, Friday is the Rector's day off.*

Online Charity Auction: The charity auction is on! It will be open until Wednesday, January 26th. Check it out at the link below. Also, consider sharing it with friends and family by reposting on Facebook. <https://www.proxibid.com/.../St-John.../event-catalog/215446>

Adult Forum: Our adult forum series exploring the book, "Holy Imagination" begins this Tuesday evening 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, check out Genesis 1:12:4a and Genesis 2:4b-3:24. The zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83187773889?pwd=ZlZHWDFoY0tJRTMySDN5MWxqMnc2QT09> - Meeting ID: 831 8777 3889/Passcode: 796078

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!

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Nǐ hǎo! It's a beautiful day here in Hong Kong as I sit on the top floor of a gigantic skyscraper overlooking the deep blue waters and endless buildings that make up this special part of China. It is fascinating to be here, where only one out of every ten people is Christian - very much unlike Chile, where I just came from, where nearly everyone is Christian. While there may not be many Christians here compared to other countries, there's a long history of Christianity in Hong Kong going back to the seventh century. That's more than 1,300 years ago!

Hong Kong's size itself is tiny - Lancaster County is about two times as big, but Hong Kong has almost 14 times as many people. It's very crowded, although it's been easy to get around by train and boat to see people. The main reason why I'm here is to attend a meeting of this Province's Task Force for the Ministry of Environmental Conservation. In other words, it's a meeting about protecting the environment! Hong Kong sits right on the ocean so it's especially important for it to talk about the effects of a warming planet and rising sea levels. I'm proud to be a part of this discussion to see how best we can preserve God's creation for the next generation!

They're also planning on talking about sustainability, which is a fancy way of saying how we need to make sure we take care of the Earth around us in a way so that it's there for people in the future. To me, it's another way of living the Golden Rule - treating the Earth the same way you'd like others to. I like it when there's clean water and air and when people try to recycle as much as they can and turn off the lights when they leave the room, and I have a feeling you do too!

Later today, I'm planning on attending a church service at the main cathedral here in Hong Kong, which is also called St. John's! It's funny to see the church's stone spires and towers next to super-tall glass and concrete skyscrapers. I imagine all these buildings trying to be the first to touch God above us, just as I think God's reaching down to touch all of us in our daily lives.

I hope you are all well and I look forward to chatting next week!
John Traveler

January 23rd 1-4pm

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Overlook Skate Park

301 Golf Dr

Lancaster PA, 17601



Join us adults as we relive our childhoods with an afternoon of old-school fun! Cost is \$10.00/person \$25.00/family. We will eat lunch together, and if we're lucky, all knee cartilage will remain intact!



Nights of Light & Bead

Join Deacon Stacey Catigano as she celebrates The Season of Epiphany by praying the Anglican Rosary. All Welcome.

When: Thursday Evenings/6:30-7:30 pm/January 20th & 27th/ February 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th. You are welcome to come to all or one evening.

Where: Held on Zoom. Pls Email Deacon Stacey for invite: Scatigano@gmail.com

What to Bring: Your heart, your smile and a set of Anglican Prayer Beads. A lit candle beside you is recommended.

Experience Required: None. A prayer guide sheet will be emailed to you and placed on Zoom to follow.



2ND ANNUAL VALENTINE SOCK DRIVE
WARM HEARTS FOR WARM FEET



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.

JANUARY 9TH- FEBRUARY 14TH

Donations will help support Paramedic, Debbie Logan's, "Refresh Lancaster" mobile hygiene unit which offers showers and medical support at designated sites throughout Lancaster City and County.

For donation drop off or pick up please contact your A.L.E.R.T Representative or Deacon Stacey at 717-799 9764 or scatigano@gmail.com





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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