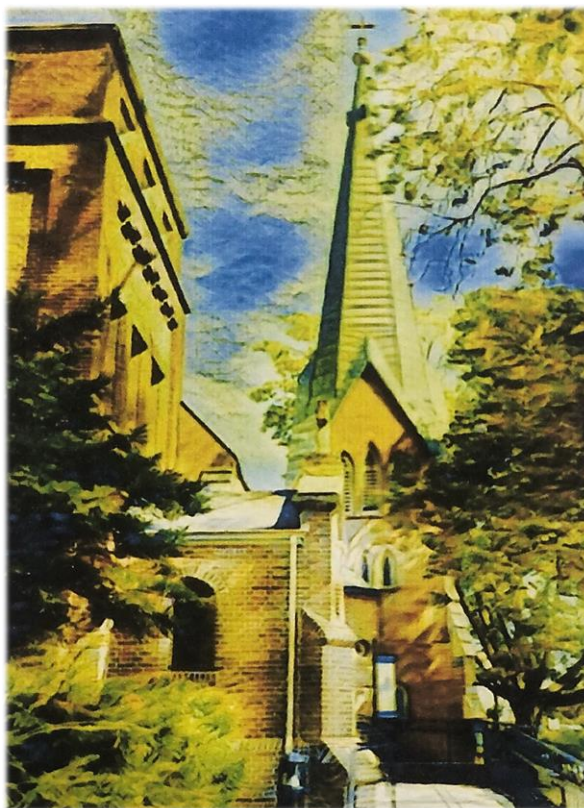


THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
FEBRUARY 27 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

In His Presence

James Denton

OPENING HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

HYMN 135

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

Glory to God

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 34: 29-35 (*please be seated*)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (*read responsively*)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened.

Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Christ upon the mountain peak

HYMN 129

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

 The Gospel of the Lord.
People *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 kneel*)

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, Stacey, and Jen, our pastors. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Upper Fairfield and The Anglican Church of Kenya; 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, Valerie Lucci, Claire Phillips, and Charlie, 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 given to the glory of God in loving memory of Keith Keiser by Linda Bruce.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory on *MAITLAND*

Edward Broughton

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.*

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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.

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.

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYMN 460

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

David Paxton

Tune *MACCABEUS* by G F Handel

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
12:00 p.m. Vestry Working Retreat

Monday, February 28

7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, March 1

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. VH Dance
6:00 p.m. Pancakes To-Go

Wednesday, March 2

12:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Service
7:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Service

Thursday, March 3

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 a.m. Refugee Ministry Town
Hall Meeting

Weekly Support Ministries

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

Ash Wednesday Services: Please join us on Wednesday, March 2 for our Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Our liturgy will include Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes. Let us begin our Lenten journeys together.

Lenten Reflections: Over 30 St. John's parishioners and friends submitted reflections for our 2nd Annual Lenten Reflections book. Hard copies are available in the atrium. Daily reflections will be posted on our St. John's Facebook page beginning on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Forum: Join Deacon Stacey and guests every Tuesday evening (beginning March 8) for a conversation around Prison Reform and the church. This series takes place on zoom. If you would like to participate, please email Deacon Stacey for the zoom link.

Pancakes TO GO!

TUESDAY, March 1, 6:00PM - 7:00PM



Meals include 3 pancakes, 2 sausages,
applesauce, butter & syrup.

Payment by donation at pick up,
money benefits the St. John's youth!

Pick up on Concord St. behind the Parish House.

Pre-orders are highly recommended:
Please email Karen.DiPace@gmail.com with the
total number of meals you would like to order!

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**Ash Wednesday Services with the
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, March 2
at 12:00PM & 7:00PM**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in
us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God
of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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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,

Good morning from Kenya! People here speak Swahili, and so "Good morning" is Habari za asubuhi. As you might imagine, telling stories to people who speak a different language can be difficult. Telling the stories of Jesus required translating the books of the Bible into Swahili. In addition to the language itself, there are cultural differences.

Children in Lancaster understand the meaning of a phrase in the Gospel of Matthew that describes an angel with clothing as white as snow, but many children in Kenya have never seen or been in snow unless they've traveled a long distance to the mountains in the northeastern part of this country. I'm in the west, visiting our friends Dorothy Dulo and Roger Godfrey at the Lighthouse Academy School in Alendu, not far from Lake Victoria. This is the project of Rafiki Africa, which St. John's has supported over the years. You may remember the efforts to dig a well. I'm happy to report that Alendu now has reliable and clean water, thanks in large part to the donations and prayers sent from St. John's. Roger is often back in Lancaster at Rafiki's stand at Root's Market, so look for him if you are there, and say Hello, or Habari.

Blessings always,

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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