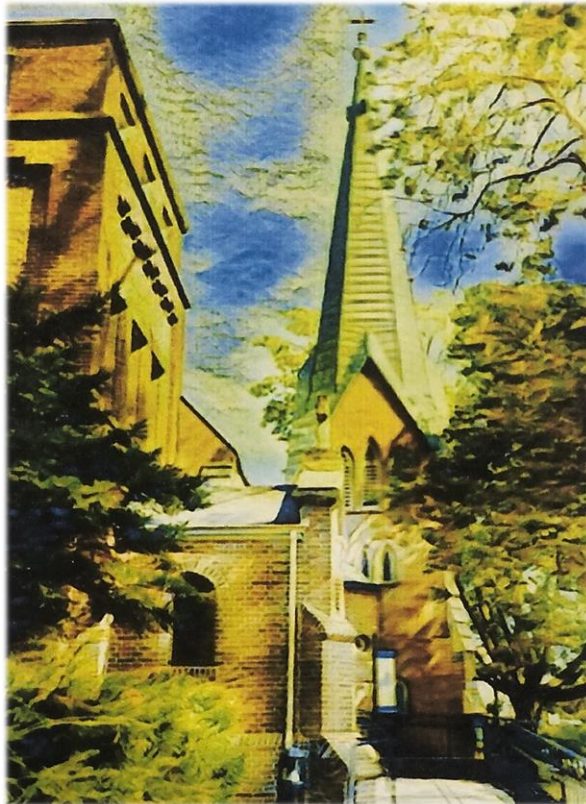


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
MAY 1 AT 10:15 A.M.



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 takes place at 9:00 a.m. and opportunities for fellowship exist between and after our services. Thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Abide With Me"

*Rick Parks
by W H Monk*

Tune: *Eventide*

OPENING HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

HYMN 199

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to you

HYMN S-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:1-20 *(please be seated)*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom

you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30 (*read responsively*)

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
 You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
 8 Then you hid your face, *
 and I was filled with fear.
 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
 I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
 will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
 O LORD, be my helper."
 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
 you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
 O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands* **HYMN 186**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:1-19 (*please remain standing*)

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon

Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 III *(The leader and people kneel)*

BCP 387

Father, in our Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Johns, York and
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. 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;
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 Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Stacey, and Jen, our pastors;

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; Danene, our Mayor; those serving in the Armed Forces; and those in Ukraine.

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 John Symonds, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Sandy Grove, Karan, Valerie Lucci, Claire Phillips, Tetiana, Aleksandr, Maria, Oleksandr, Kenneth Robert, and Megan;

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 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.

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 altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, one chalice will be for drinking only, another for intinction. You can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by handing your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister who will intinct and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

HYMN 307

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

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

May God's extravagant love consume you, Christ's life and passion inspire you, and the Spirit compel you to do ordinary things with extraordinary love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN 191

GOOD NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

All now sing forth in praise

Edward Broughton

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m. Parish Breakfast
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, May 2

6:00 p.m. Ministries Council
6:00 p.m. Daughters of the King
7:00 p.m. Just Mercy Book Study

Tuesday, May 3

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. Dance Mosaic

Wednesday, May 4

12:00 p.m. HE:II with Healing
3:30 p.m. Eagle's Nest
6:30 p.m. Open & Affirming Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Refugee Ministry Training

Saturday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Cousins: Connected through Slavery

Sunday, May 8

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

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tues. - 6:00 p.m.
NA: Mon., Wed., & Fri. - 12:00 p.m.
NA: Thur. & Sat. - 6:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

REFUGEE MINISTRY - Thank you to all who signed-up to help our new Refugee Ministry Team. Church World Service will meet with our volunteers for a training session on Thursday, May 5, from 7-9 in the parish hall. We'll discuss administrative procedures and any questions regarding the team we're setting-up. If you're interested in being a part of this team and not as yet signed-up, please see the sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Questions? Email Rich Garon at rich@richgaron.com.

St. John's Traveler Letter: Connecting 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,

I hope that you and our St. John's family are having a glorious Easter season. Over the past several days, I have traveled over 2,000 miles to the Philippines, a beautiful nation in the western Pacific Ocean that is made up of over 7,000 islands! The country has one of the largest Christian populations in the world, and the joy of Easter is very much alive here. All around me, I see people preparing to celebrate the *Flores de Mayo*, which means the Flowers of May. During this time, people create small altars and adorn them with beautiful flowers in honor of the Virgin Mary. This tradition reflects the country's rich Catholic heritage.

The Philippines are a long way from the United States, but did you know that a US military chaplain conducted the first Episcopal service in the country in 1898? At that time, the Philippines was a colony of the United States. Today is a very special day for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Thirty-two years ago today, on 1 May 1990, it became an autonomous province in the Anglican Church, which is a fancy way of saying that it became independent from the Episcopal Church of the United States.

I have been able to meet many, many people from the Philippines in my travels around the world. Many young people seek jobs in different parts of the world, because work is so hard find in their own country. I have met many people who work in hotels, restaurants, nail salons, and as maids or housekeeping staff, and they send most of their paychecks home to help support their parents and other family members. It is a big responsibility for them, and they do it with great love in their hearts. They have often shared with me how important Christ is in their lives and how their faith sustains them.

Please keep this lovely, yet troubled nation in our prayers. Please pray for the victims of Tropical Storm Megi, which swept the nation just before Easter, prompting devastating landslides and floods. At least 115 people have died and over 200,000 have been displaced. People are still recovering from Typhoon Rai, which ripped through the central Philippines in December killing over 400 people.

Today I will worship at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John, which serves as the National Cathedral of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. The church was established in 1907, and many who attend are university students in the capital city, Manila. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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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