

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

MAY 8TH 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

Tender Shepherd

Joseph and Pamela Martin

CHARA

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King

HYMN 400

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43 (*please be seated*)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping

and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 28 (*read responsively*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come

out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

O My Father

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

JEN TREMARY

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. Mark's Episcopal Church, Northumberland and The Anglican Church of Rwanda. 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 Angelica, Bill and Sharon Engle, Carl, Charlie, Chase, Claire Phillips, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, John Symonds, Karan, Kenneth Robert, Maria, Megan, Sandy Grove, Tiny Nolan, Tetiana, Aleksandr, Oleksandr, Valerie Lucci;

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.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John and Barbara Graeter
in memory of their mothers, Naomi Graeter and Ruth Bushong Ely.*

THE OFFERTORY

Yea, Though I Walk

Arthur Sullivan

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

HYMNAL S-129

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

HYMN 331

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

Faith of our Mothers

HYMN 558 TUNE

1. Faith of our mothers, living still, Fresh in our memories, held in our hearts. Here or in heaven, their deeds live on, Spreading the joy of God's love imparts.	2. Faith of our mothers, hoping still, Praying for every daughter and son, Building us up as a family in Christ, Working that we may all be one.	3. Faith of our mothers, loving still, Trusting the truth of kindness and grace, Sharing God's Spirit in service and strength, Living life well, and running faith's race.
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Refrain: Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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

Invention No. 13
Sophie Dodge, piano

J S Bach



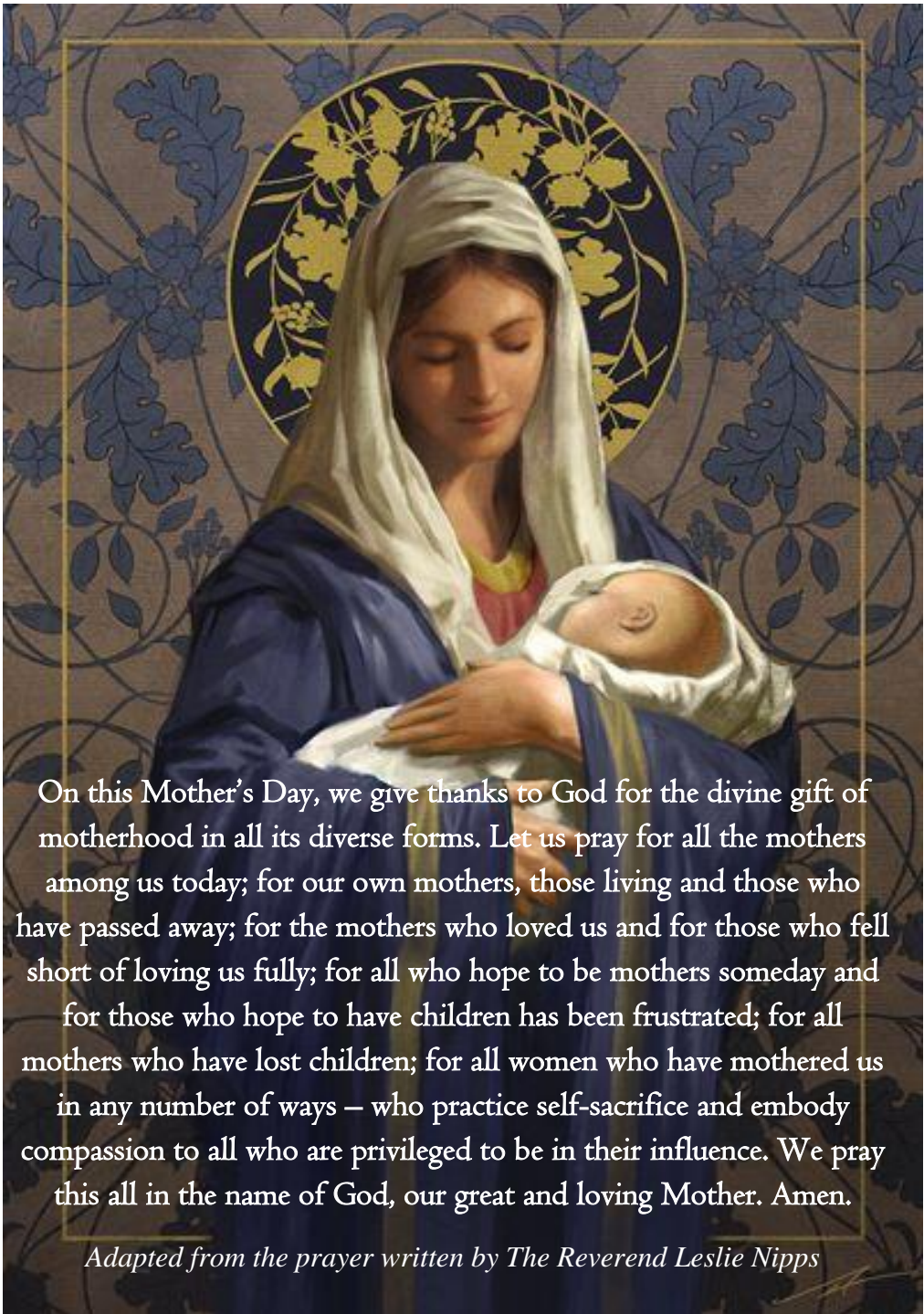
1. O my Fa - ther, thou that dwell - est In the high and
 2. For a wise and glo - rious pur - pose Thou hast placed me
 3. I had learned to call thee Fa - ther, Thru thy Spir - it
 4. When I leave this frail ex - is - tence, When I lay this

glo - rious place, When shall I re - gain thy pres - ence
 here on earth And with - held the rec - ol - lec - tion
 from on high, But, un - til the key of knowl - edge
 mor - tal by, Fa - ther, Moth - er, may I meet you

And a - gain be - hold thy face? In thy ho - ly
 Of my for - mer friends and birth; Yet oft - times a
 Was re - stored, I knew not why. In the heav'n's are
 In your roy - al courts on high? Then, at length, when

hab - i - ta - tion, Did my spir - it once re - side? In my
 se - cret some-thing Whis - pered, "You're a strang - er here," And I
 par - ents sin - gle? No, the thought makes rea - son stare! Truth is
 I've com - plet - ed All you sent me forth to do, With your

first pri - me - val child - hood Was I nur - tured near thy side?
 felt that I had wan - dered From a more ex - alt - ed sphere.
 rea - son; truth e - ter - nal Tells me I've a moth - er there.
 mu - tual ap - pro - ba - tion Let me come and dwell with you.



On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those who hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women who have mothered us in any number of ways – who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer written by The Reverend Leslie Nipps

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

Monday, May 9

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
5:00 p.m. Dance Mosaic

Wednesday, May 11

12:00 p.m. HE:II with Healing
* No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

1:00 p.m. Clergy Council
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Refugee Ministry Training

Saturday, May 14th

Congregational Development Day

Sunday, May 15th

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 Meeting

Weekly Support Ministries

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

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: MAY 14

Please keep Pam Loose, Amanda Knouse, and Jen Trenary in your prayers as they travel to Baltimore to participate in the Province III Congregational Development Day sponsored by the College of Congregational Development. The College is a comprehensive training program that seeks to nurture and develop congregational development practitioners from within existing parish lay and clergy leadership. The program draws on congregational and organization development theory and practice. It focuses on developing healthy, responsive leadership, facilitation skills, and teamwork, through understanding of Anglican/Episcopal ethos, culture, spirituality, and ways of being the church today.

REFUGEE MINISTRY TRAINING:

Due to Covid-19 the Refugee Ministry Training date has been postponed to Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. If you would like to participate, please email Richard 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,

Happy Mother's Day to you and all moms at St. John's! I have the pleasure of writing to you from Rwanda, a small, landlocked country in the Great Rift Valley of Central Africa. This week I had the great fortune to travel to the Nyungwe Forest National Park and go on a safari! I saw gorillas, elephants, rhinoceros, lions, chimpanzees, leopards, and buffalo! Rwanda is famous for its lush hills, mountains, lakes, and parks, and the country is committed to safeguarding its natural beauty.

After my safari adventure, I arrived in Kigali, the nation's bustling capital in the central part of the country. To my delight, I found a flourishing art scene, with wonderful coffee shops, bookstores, and galleries. There is a true entrepreneurial spirit here, and I have enjoyed conversations with so many people as we drink coffee together on rooftop cafes and in lovely parks throughout the city.

Rwandans are very proud that their capital is recognized as one of Africa's cleanest and safest cities! Plastic bags are outlawed here. I learned about the wonderful traditional of umuganda, which means "coming together in common purpose. On the last Saturday of every month, at least one member of every Rwandan household gets outside to clean, fix things, or do community maintenance work. This tradition is so important that it became a law just over 10 years ago. Rwandans are also very excited that Kigali was recently selected to host the 2023 Women Deliver Conference, the world's largest conference on gender equality and health, rights, and well-being of girls and women around the world.

All of these things are remarkable for any city, but I think even more so for Rwanda given its history. In 1994, one of the worst genocides in human history occurred over the course of 100 days, when nearly one million people lost their lives. Rwandans are committed to reconciliation, education, and memorializing lives lost during this time. The church has played a key role in healing ministries as well as in rural development, medical work, and education.

Christianity is the largest religion in the country, and today, I worshipped at the Kibagabaga Anglican Church in Kigali. I love their mission, which they describe as "...deeply involved in outreach to our community through education, nutrition, evangelism, and agriculture." After church, I hope to visit with some new friends who work with GrassRoots Rwanda, a charity based in the United Kingdom that supports the work of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda in the Shyogwe Diocese. I am excited to learn about their efforts in relieving financial hardship, advancing education, and supporting clergy.

My heart is full as I connect with others in this delightful place. I thank God for the spirit of reconciliation in this country. Please Rwanda in your prayers as it seeks to learn and heal from its history and looks with hope to the future.

Your friend,
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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