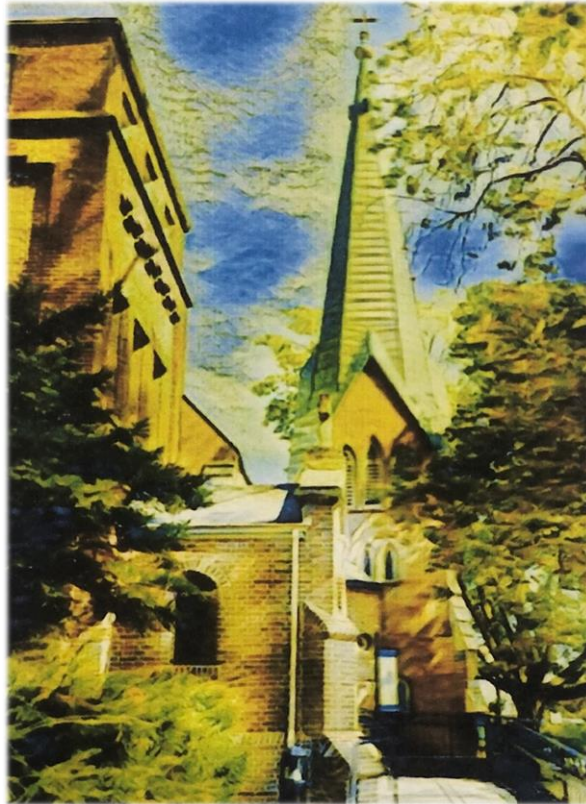


THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 10:15 A.M.



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, opportunities for fellowship exist after each service. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE*His Eye is on the Sparrow*James Mansfield
Tune by Charles H Gabriel**OPENING HYMN***All creatures of our God and King***H400****OPENING ACCLAMATION** (*please remain standing if you are able*)**BCP 355**

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY**BCP 355**

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***HYMN S-278****THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 18:1-11 (*please be seated*)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in

my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Where charity and love prevail

H581

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33 (*please remain standing if you are able*)

Celebrant
People

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. STACEY CATIGANO

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand if you are able*)

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 I *(please kneel if you are able)*

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Christ in your mercy, refresh our hearts.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, we pray for Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville; and The Anglican Church of Australia; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Stacey, and Jen, our clergy; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
especially Carl, Tiny Nolan, Sandy Grove, Karan, Claire Phillips, Kenneth Robert,
Charlie Rahe, Joe Caputo, Melissa Braden, Holly Frost, Doris Schreiner, Judy Weaver,
Andrew, David, and Bill and Sharon Engle; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them. For our friends at home, especially
Ellen Keller, Don Lovett, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney,
Carolyn McCarty, Al Kuser, Cynthia Minnich, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Howard
and Edith Kane, and Merle and Donna Schnee; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray
to the Lord. Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one
another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

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.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Stand Up, and Bless the Lord

W Glen Darst
Tune by James Montgomery

THE DOXOLOGY

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HYMN 380, vs. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

*Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

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, 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 SONG*As we gather at your table***WLP 763****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 366**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Know that the ever-present mystery we name God is in your past forgiving you, in your present loving you, and in your future meeting you. And may the blessing of the Source of life, love, and hope, the Word of life, compassion, and wisdom, and the Breath of life, grace and truth surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all your days. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!***H460****THE DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE*Fanfare on "Festal Song"*

Lani Smith
Tune by William Henry Walter

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

September 11 at 9:00AM



Please join us for our annual Homecoming Celebration! Our joint worship service will include the choir, a baptism, and the celebration of our youth. A parish wide breakfast will take place in the parish hall following worship!

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 Amanda,

Greetings from the Land Down Under—Australia! I've always thought calling Australia "Down Under" was because it is down under the equator. It turns out it's because these lands are farther down on maps and globes than most other countries, and under them is you look at a map or globe with north pole being at the top. But the fact that Australia is in the southern hemisphere (south of the equator), it does mean that some things seem the reverse of what you would think is normal in Lancaster. For instance, the northern part of Australia is the hottest part. It's closer to the equator, while you may think of Florida or Texas in the southern US as hotter than Pennsylvania for the same reason, although upside down. And this is Winter time here because these lands are down under the equator.

Australia, just like New Zealand last week, and the Americas for that matter, is rich in native culture and traditions, passed down among the generations of indigenous people who have lived here for thousands of years. The Episcopal and Anglican churches here are trying to make sure that culture and those traditions aren't lost now that most people living here are descendants of white Europeans. They encourage telling the histories and stories in classrooms, so that the children and grandchildren have opportunities to learn about them. You may have seen pictures of Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, in the interior of Australia. Some of the native histories feature Uluru as central in indigenous stories and beliefs about Creation. The church knows it's important to recognize and honor indigenous spiritual beliefs, even though they are different than ours.


This is definitely farming country. I've seen sheep everywhere I've traveled, and yes, quite a few kangaroos! Most of the people live around the edges of Australia, close to the ocean, so there are miles of open spaces in the center of this continent. It's good to travel and meet the folks who live in the interior. And I also ran into your friend Ruth McFarland, who is here visiting her family. She'll be back in Lancaster before I return, so be sure to ask her about life and faith and the church here, in the Land Down Under.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

Get Involved

A sign with a blurred background of warm, golden light. The text is written in a white, cursive font.

Nursery
Volunteer
Wanted

A sign with a white background and a dark border. It features several coffee beans scattered around the text. The text is in a simple, sans-serif font.

We want YOU to help!
2-3 helpers are needed to facilitate
Coffee Hour after each service,
and training is easy!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S

TODAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Lemonade Time
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:15 AM Lemonade Time

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:00 PM Healing Service

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:00 PM Council of Trustees
2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



Pilgrimage to Convocation Churches

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 AM Single Worship Service

10:30 AM Parish Breakfast

Open House

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM

NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by scanning the QR Code, or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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