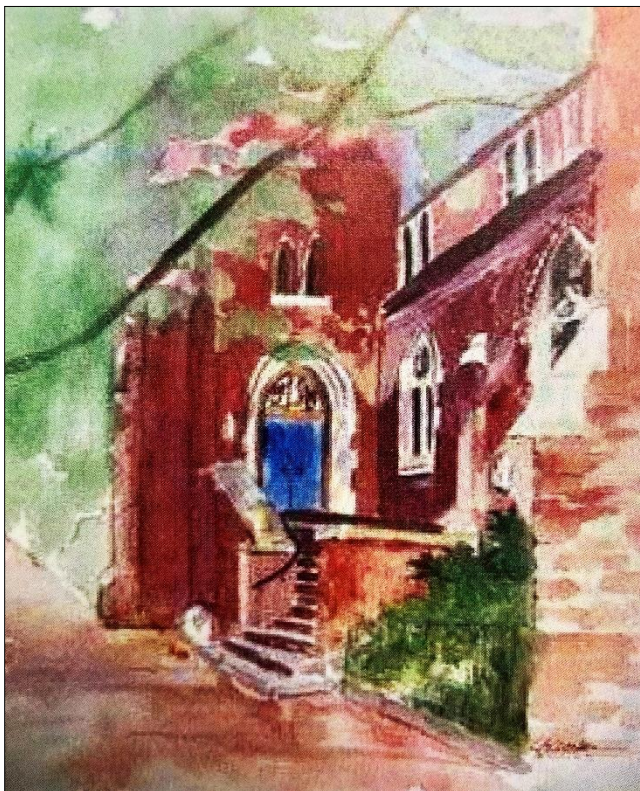


**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
WITH HOLY BAPTISM AND RITE 13 CEREMONY**



SEPTEMBER 11 AT 9:00 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

O Jesus I Have Promised

ARTHUR H MANN
ARR. JOHN INNES

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing)*

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28 *(please be seated)*

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119 (*The psalm will be led by our young adults, please join in at the antiphon*)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in God's ways.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous
ordinances.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your
commandments.

Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

All: With my whole heart I seek you.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10 (*please remain standing*)

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters *I present Sophia and Emelia Hale to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidates *I do.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
that rebel against God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and
destroy the creatures of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?
People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

BCP 305

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Sophia and Emelia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

RITE 13 CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION

The journey from childhood to adulthood begins with adolescence, a time in which youth take on the gifts and challenges of physical maturity as they continue to learn and grow emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. The Rite 13 ceremony celebrates the beginning of this journey, marking a young person's progress beyond childhood, acknowledging their new status and responsibilities in the community and the world, and providing support and companionship for the path ahead.

THE PRESENTATION

Sponsors We present to you these students, who this day leave behind childhood on their journey to adulthood.

Celebrant Dear People of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's great gifts. Today, we celebrate this gift with these young people as they begin their journey to adulthood. By the grace of God, you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood and have grown strong. Now, as young people journeying to adulthood, it is given to you to share God's power of creation to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities *I am.*

Celebrant When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, too, these parents stand, watching their offspring grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them. O God, bless the parents of these adolescents. Rejoice with them as their children begin the journey to adulthood; strengthen them that they may support these young people on their way; uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort their teenagers although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives.

Congregation *Amen.*

THE CHARGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Celebrant As you journey beyond the circle of your family, you will need loyal friends. Will you walk together, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People *We will.*

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION *(All who are able please stand)*

Celebrant As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God that spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these students as they journey to adulthood?

Congregation *We will.*

Celebrant Will you guide, guard, and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

Congregation *We will.*

THE BLESSINGS

Celebrant You have been gifted by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength, energy, and creative power of adolescence; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The celebrities kneel. The parents come forward and lay hands on their shoulders.

Celebrant May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace, and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer rest upon you this day and for evermore.

Congregation 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 thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Judy Weaver, mother of Maria Weaver.

THE OFFERTORY

Take This Cup

JERRY VAN DER POL

THE DOXOLOGY

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HYMN 390 v.4

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WLP 858

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

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 yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
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

BCP 364

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. 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

*There's a wideness in God's mercy
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

HYMN 470

HYMN 344

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, the Word of life, and Breath of life surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Christ for the world we sing!

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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Jesus Lover of My Soul

WIHLA HUTSON



When: Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM

Where: The Knouse House, 1919 Bloomingdale Ave

Who: All men from the parish are invited. Friends are welcome!

What: Bring a snack or drink to share and enjoy the fellowship.

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,

I send you greetings this week from north of the equator again, although just barely. I arrived in Bangladesh during a time of political and international stress. Bangladesh lies between India to its west and China to its east. While those two superpower countries are at odds, the prime minister here, Sheikh Hasina, has stated her position as "friendship to all, malice to none." This country has struggled with strife since its beginnings. These people and their rich culture go back to before Christian times, but politically Bangladesh has only been an independent country since 1971. Before that it was part of India, and then part of Pakistan, and sometimes known as part of Bengal. But politics and war often put the common people at risk, and Bangladesh was in serious trouble as it gained its independence. Your parents and grandparents may remember George Harrison's Concert For Bangladesh, which was the world's first rock concert organized to raise awareness and funds for people in trouble. In fact this became the model for the better known Live Aid concert in 1985. Several lines from Harrison's song "Bangla Desh" explain how it came together:

"My friend came to see me, with sadness in his eyes,
He told me that he wanted help, before his country dies,
Although I couldn't feel the pain, I knew I had to try,
Now I'm asking all of you to help us save some lives."

And now, all these years later, the church and other good people are still working hard to save some lives. While you may not feel their pain, please include these people in your prayers on Sunday, and follow the words of Prime Minister Hasina, "friendship to all, malice to none."

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
10:30 AM Parish Breakfast
Open House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 PM Caring Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
4:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00 PM Healing Service
1:00 PM Fulton Luncheon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Men's Gathering at the
Knouse House

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM Community Breakfast
(1st Reformed Church)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM The Beatitudes and St.
Francis Book Study

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

EAGLE'S NEST

Eagle's Nest is an afterschool Program for 4th and 5th graders from Fulton Elementary School and takes place every Wednesday afternoon. Students gather at St. John's for homework help, hands on activities, games, cooking and sharing a meal, and field trips in Lancaster city. We are always in need of additional volunteers! If you are interested in exploring how you might participate in this ministry, please contact Eagle's Nest Director, John Knouse, at knousetrap@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Confirmation classes are beginning shortly! If you are an adult interested in being confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, please notify Amanda+ at amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org as soon as possible. Teens interested in this sacrament should notify John Knouse at knousetrap@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 scanning the QR Code, or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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