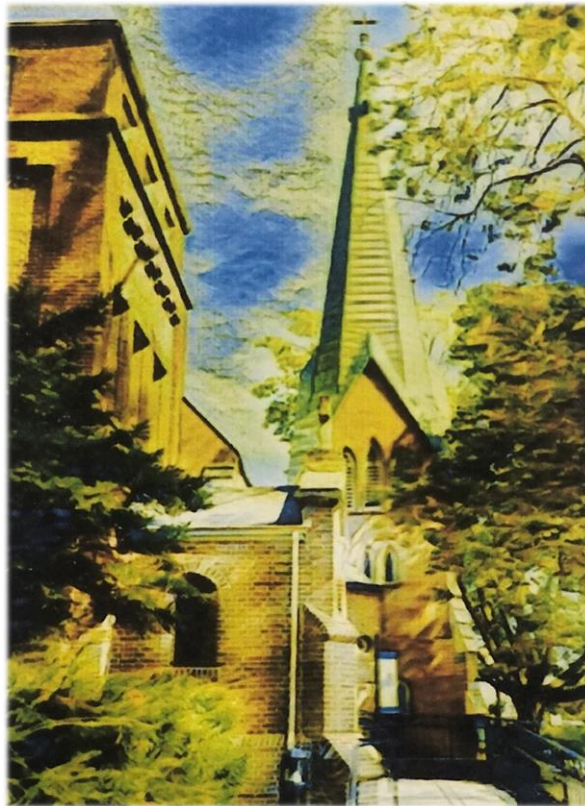


**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**



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***Choral Prelude on “Come, Come Ye Saints”* William G Blanchard

“Come, Come Ye Saints” (originally “All is Well”) is one of the best-known Latter-day Saint hymns. The lyrics were written in 1846 by Mormon poet William Clayton. The hymn has been called the anthem of the nineteenth-century Mormon pioneers.

*We’ll make the air with music ring,  
Shout praises to our God and King;  
Above the rest these words we’ll tell—  
All is well! All is well!*

**OPENING HYMN***Where cross the crowded ways of life***H609****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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15 *(please be seated)*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Neuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my fields that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mehseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*

nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.  
 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
 therefore will I deliver him; \*  
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
 I am with him in trouble;  
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
 and show him my salvation.

**THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord*

**WLP 810**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31** (*please remain standing if you are able*)

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

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

**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 All Saints Episcopal Church, Hanover; St. Andrew’s in the City Episcopal Church, Harrisburg; and The Anglican Church of Burundi; Christ in your mercy,  
*Refresh our hearts.*

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 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 Tiny Nolan, Claire Phillips, Kenneth Robert, Charlie Rahe, Melissa Braden, Joanna & Desi Torres, Hannah, Sea Macleish, Bryna Paillard, and Mary Swisher; 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, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle and Donna Schnee, Carol Greenfield, and Sandy Grove; Christ in your mercy,  
*Refresh our hearts.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Cynthia Minnich and Tom Logue, 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.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Helen L. Everts by Molly Moyer.*

**THE OFFERTORY**                      *When Peace Like a River*                      Bliss/ Dale Grotenhuis

**THE DOXOLOGY**                      *Old 100th*                      **HYMN 380, vs. 3**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**                      **BCP 361**

*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 him 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS**                      *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might*                      **WLP 858**

*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.*

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 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. 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.*

<b>COMMUNION SONGS</b>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	<b>H383</b>
	<i>Fight the good fight</i>	<b>H553</b>

### **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.*

<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>	<b>BCP 366</b>
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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 the Breath of life, surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all your days. *Amen.*

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	<b>H376</b>
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### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**POSTLUDE**  
from the Oboe Concerto No. I

*Trumpet Tune*

G F Handel  
Arr. Mark Williams

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) was a German-British Baroque composer well known for his operas, oratorios, anthems, concerti grossi, and organ concertos. Handel received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712. He was strongly influenced both by the middle-German polyphonic choral tradition and by composers of the Italian Baroque.

Handel started three commercial opera companies to supply the English nobility with Italian opera. In 1737, he had a physical breakdown, changed direction creatively, and addressed the middle class and made a transition to English choral works. After his success with *Messiah* (1742), he never composed an Italian opera again. One of his four coronation anthems, *Zadok the Priest*, has been performed at every British coronation since 1727.

Handel composed more than forty opera series over a period of more than thirty years. His music was admired by Classical-era composers, including Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven.

**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,

This is a difficult letter to write. I am currently in Burundi, and there is a constant sense of danger and violence. The US State Department posts travel advisories for every country in the world, and the current advisory for Burundi is level 3 out of 4 – “Reconsider Travel.” They say that westerners are seldom targeted, but being in the wrong place at the wrong time is always a risk, and the embassy staff has little ability to provide assistance to anyone who is caught up in the violence. It's distressing because,

like many places, there is a lot of beauty in this country and wonderful people just wanting to lead peaceful lives. The current political and military unrest makes that merely a hope for the future.

Burundi is in the heart of the Rift Valley of Africa, the stunning area where mountains rise up from the shores of Lake Tanganyika. Most people here are farmers, although the weather and terrain make that difficult at times. The Anglican church and relief organizations, such as the Tear Fund, are providing aid to help families through difficult times. Desire Majambere is the Tear Fund director in Burundi, and he has this prayer to share:

*Dear God, Thank you for your faithfulness in Burundi. It is encouraging to see your power and love at work. We ask that you continue to strengthen the local church in Burundi—to give them the resources and wisdom to press forward with your plans for the country. Lord, we ask for a future filled with peace for Burundi. Where there is division and hurt, we pray for a spirit of forgiveness to take hold. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

It's heartening to hear of the strong faith people have here, when their lives and communities are so tenuous. They are strengthened by prayer, both theirs and ours. Continue to hold them up in your prayers this day, and the days going forward.

Blessings to you always,  
John Traveler



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:30 AM Sunday School & Youth Group
- 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II *\*Nursery Available*
- 11:30 AM Adult Confirmation Meeting (*Becker House*)
- 7:00 PM Adult Forum on Zoom

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
- 2:00 PM Food Pantry
- 2:00 PM Doctrine of Discovery

### WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

6:00 PM Lancaster Convocation

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

12:00 PM Healing Service

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting

2:30 PM Food Pantry

7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Rector's Day Off

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:30 AM Sunday School & Youth Group

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II *\*Nursery Available*

11:30 AM Acolyte Training & Lunch

12:00 PM Safeguarding God's Children Training

3:00 PM Dedication of Memorial Stone for Father Pete Greenfield

## 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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