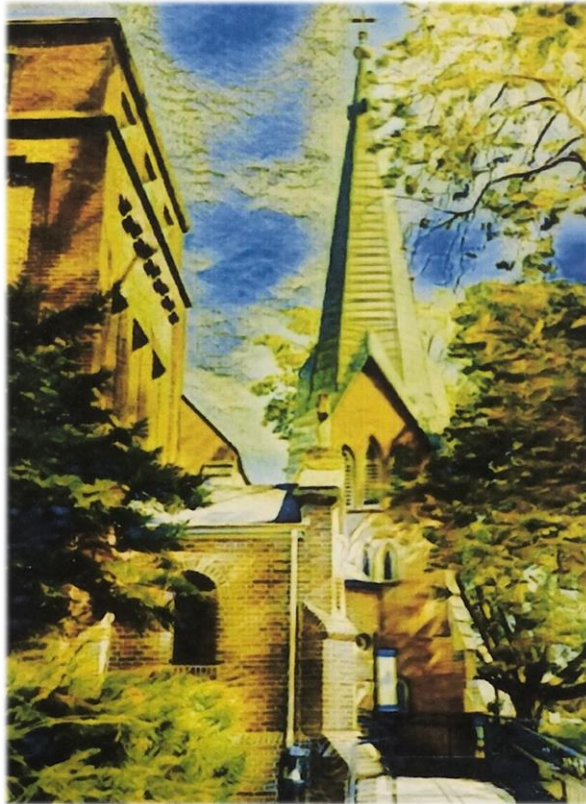


THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
NOVEMBER 13TH AT 10:15 A.M.



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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* David Little

OPENING HYMN *Lift every voice and sing* **HYMN 599**

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25 (*please be seated*)

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

CANTICLE 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19 (*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.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

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.

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 St. John’s Episcopal Church, Huntingdon; and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; 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, Pat Pankey, Red Lann, Irene Sulliveras, Kate, Liam Lynch, Ken Watts, Ellen Keller, Maria Sauder, Garth and family, Nancy Strasburg, Mary Barley, Dan Rosenfeld, Christina DeLeo, Linda DeLeo, and Benjamin and Joanne Heckman; 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; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For our friends at home, especially Ellen Keller, 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, Sandy Grove, and Carole Humphrey; 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;

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 dipping your wafer into the intinction cup. 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 SONGS

*My God, thy table now is spread
From glory to glory*

HYMN 321

HYMN 326

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 the Breath of life, surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all your days. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN*Lead On, O King Eternal***HYMN 555****THE DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE*Triumphant March*

David Paxton

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*

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,

Nei hou from Hong Kong in China! This is my first time here and I was nervous coming from England, where everyone speaks English. It turns out about half of all people here in Hong Kong also speak English in addition to Cantonese, the native language. Until 1997, which is probably before many of you were born, Hong Kong was actually part of England, and if you listen closely, you can still hear evidence of Hong Kong's British past on the street. Cheerio!

Looking around, you'll find that there's no place with more skyscrapers than Hong Kong. In fact, there's almost twice as many skyscrapers here as there are in New York City, which is really saying something. They form a beautiful sight – rising gracefully, almost like they're growing out of the water and rivers and seas that surround this island. Tucked away in the shadows of these skyscrapers is a small church called All Saint's Cathedral – the site where a woman named Florence Li helped refugees during the Second World War. She went on to become the first female priest in the entire Anglican church in 1944 – but only after having to cross enemy lines to meet with the local Bishop! I met with her great-granddaughter in that same Cathedral her great-grandmother worked in and we talked what she had to go through in order to become a priest – not just risking her life during the war but also working against the prejudices of people who didn't believe women should be priests. How far we've come – and how far we still need to go!

I give thanks for the everyday heroes like Florence Li and my ability to share their stories. I hope you do as well as I head south next week to the islands of the Indian Ocean!

Yours,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S

TODAY

Holiday Bazaar

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

***PLEASE CHECK THE NOVEMBER
MESSENGER FOR INFORMATION ON
THE WREATH SALE AND OTHER
EVENTS HAPPENING THIS MONTH!***

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:00 PM Caring Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:00 PM Healing Service
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
6:30 PM Open and Affirming Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Holiday Bazaar & Bishop's Visit

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
& Youth Group
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00PM Vestry Meeting

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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





*Christ the
King Sunday*

Bishop's Visit



Nov. 20th

Join us in celebrating the last service of Ordinary Time
with our Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scalan
with Confirmation and Reception

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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