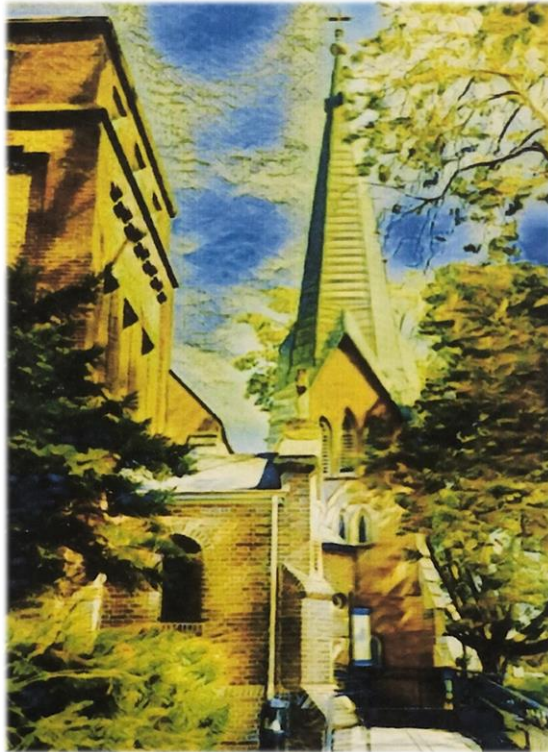


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
NOVEMBER 27TH AT 10:15 A.M.



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!

Over the next four weeks of Advent, look for text boxes with "Liturgy Explained" for more detailed information on why we do what we do.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Handbell Choir

LITURGY EXPLAINED

The Introit is a sung or chanted Psalm of praise, which is meant to set the service in joy and anticipation of what is to come; the choir remains in the back of the sanctuary as messengers or announcers, like the angels to the shepherds near Bethlehem.

INTROIT

Glory Be To God

Ludwig Ernst, 1787-1862

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward all. Amen.

LITURGY EXPLAINED

*Hymns have been a part of the entrance rite since the year 430. The **Opening Hymn** is walking music as it symbolizes our movement towards the altar in prayer. We've come from different places and situations, but we all come here to journey towards the altar under the sign of the Cross.*

OPENING HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come

HYMNAL 290

LITURGY EXPLAINED

*The concept of the **Advent Wreath** originated among German Lutherans in the 16th century. It symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar and signifies hope in the midst of darkness. Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, an additional candle is lit on each subsequent Sunday until, by the last Sunday of Advent, all four candles are lit. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Day.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...In the face of hunger, in the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (*Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.*)

May the light from this candle overwhelm the world. May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven. Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing if you are able*)

BCP 355

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

LITURGY EXPLAINED

The Collect for Purity is based on Psalm 51 and is a prayer of preparation for worship. It reveals that God intimately knows us and asks God to cleanse us from all the stress and anxiety of the world, so that when we enter the church, we might focus on worship and being spiritually fed.

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.

LITURGY EXPLAINED

The Trisagion is an ancient hymn of the eastern church. The term is from the Greek, meaning "thrice holy."

TRISAGION

Holy God

HYMNAL S-102

LITURGY EXPLAINED

The Collect of the Day is a prayer which 'collects' us or gathers us together in common prayer. This collect reflects the readings of the day.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5 (*please be seated*)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122 (*sung by the choir*)

PSALMS 121. 122. J. Barnby.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

HYMNAL 58

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 (*please remain standing if you are able*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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*)

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 (*please kneel as you are able*)

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying,
“Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*”

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Edward’s Episcopal Church, Lancaster; and The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more. We pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness, especially Claire Phillips, Kenneth Robert, Charlie Rahe, Kate, Liam Lynch, Maria Sauder, Nancy Strasburg, Mary Barley, Dan Rosenfeld, Christina DeLeo, Linda DeLeo, Benjamin and Joanne Heckman, Peter Plaxa, Lily, Khadija and Zoya, Carolyn Swavely, and Chase; deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever. Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

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 our Lord 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 Magdalena Ann McIntyre by Ken & Eleanor Watts.*

(Please remain standing as the bread and wine are brought to the altar)

THE OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts* Richard Warner

PRESENTATION HYMN *On Jordan's Bank* **HYMNAL 76, vs. 4**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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* **HYMNAL S-124**

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.

(Please kneel if you are able)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

HYMNAL S-150

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

*Prepare the way, O Zion
Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

HYMNAL 64
HYMNAL 324

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

Go forth now into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

HYMNAL 436

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Joyful Sending

Alex Petley

*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,

Kon'nichiwa from Japan! It's halftime during today's World Cup soccer match and I'm standing in crowded plaza in the small town of Pippu watching Japan play Germany. The crowd is dressed in white and red to reflect the Japanese flag – a red circle on a white background to represent the Land of the Rising Sun.

Despite the fans here in Pippu, most Japanese aren't soccer crazy like people in Europe or South America. Baseball and sumo wrestling are top dog here. Soccer fans are used to being in the minority, and that's ok, because everyone gets along anyway! It's similar to Christianity being the minority here in Japan – only one percent of Japanese people are Christians, and an even fewer percentage are Episcopalian or Anglican. That said, there's a lot of respect for those who have a different religious background – such as those who are Buddhist or Shinto or no religion at all!

Earlier today I prayed at the Pippu Shrine, a beautiful Shinto shrine decorated with flags and banners and surrounded by a beautiful garden. I, an Episcopalian, was praying next to a woman in a Shinto robe, who was next to a man who was deep in a Buddhist meditation. It gives me hope to see that even amongst people with very different backgrounds, we can still come together, put aside our differences, and accept each other – when it comes to religion, or soccer, or anything else! It can be a scary world out there, but moments such as this give me hope that the future is bright.

Wishing you similar hope and acceptance in the days and months ahead as we move toward Christmas!

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
11:30 AM Advent Adult Forum

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 12:00 PM Healing Service
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
6:00 PM Advent Event
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 9:00 AM Annual Fall Cleanup**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Coffee Hour to follow each service*
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Advent Adult Forum

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

**PLEASE CHECK THE MESSENGER
FOR INFORMATION ON EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS MONTH!**

THE FEEDING MINISTRY: The Feeding Ministry at St. John's is hoping you'll join us in a new way to celebrate Advent by filling an Advent Calendar Giving Box. By adding one item per day for each day of Advent, the boxes will help alleviate food insecurity in our community and will hopefully give us a more spiritually oriented way to "count down" the days until Christmas. Boxes with a message, a prayer, a calendar containing suggested food contributions, and some colorful stickers will be available in the Atrium this Sunday and next. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

FALL CLEANUP: Join us on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM for our annual fall cleanup. Bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, and anything else that might be useful. Projects will take place outside and inside!



**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS PLEASE
JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL:**

Advent Event

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022


**Make an Advent Wreath • Write
Christmas Cards to Parishioners or
Friends • Create an Ornament for the
Courtyard Tree • Decorate Cookies!**

Dinner & Crafts at 6:00 PM
Parish Hall & All Purpose Room
Worship around the Tree at 7:15 PM
St. John's Courtyard

PLEASE RSVP TO MAKE AN

Advent Wreath

Supplies are limited. Please email Sue Dodge
(lalimule@verizon.net) or sign up on the
board in the parish hall. To cover the cost
of supplies, wreaths will cost \$12.



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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