The Holy Name Holy Eucharist: Rite II January 1st 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	He Is Here!	Mark Hayes
OPENING H	IYMN O wondrous type!	HYMN 137
OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing as you are able)		BCP 355
OfficiantBlessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.		

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

HYMNAL S-280

BCP 355

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

THE FIRST LESSON: Numbers 6:22-27 (please be seated)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 8

1 O Lord our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Brightest and best

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21 (please remain standing as you are able)

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

BCP 358

THE NICENE CREED (please stand as 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 (please kneel as you are able)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Shippensburg and The Anglican Church of Mexico; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people*.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight*.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially Claire Phillips, Charlie Rahe, Kate, Liam Lynch, Nancy Strasburg, Debbie Carter, Clyde Denison, Larisa Strawbridge, Bryna Paillard, Shirley Morgan, Pam Keister, Dan & Mary Rosenfeld, Justin and Lisa; we pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, and Carol Humphrey. *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed, especially Donna Schnee, eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

- CelebrantLet us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.PeopleMost 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. <i>Amen</i> .
THE PEACE	

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

BCP 830

SEE INSERT

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S AWARD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY	Carols of Joy and Gladness	Lani Smith
PRESENTATION HYMN	As with gladness	HYMNAL 119, vs. 3

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 SANCTUSHoly, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**HYMNAL S-125**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

HYMNAL S-149

BCP 365

HYMN 84 HYMN 133

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

CelebrantIn 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.PeopleBecause we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

CLOSING H	YMN	Earth has many a noble city	Hymn 127
THE DISMIS	SSAL		
Celebrant People		s the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	
POSTLUDE		Joy to the World!	Diane Bish
th	he Postlude is	is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare meant to ignite our spirits in reflection o o out into the world and share what we h	of the service

BCP 365



Each year, we celebrate our patron saint, John the Evangelist, by recognizing parishioners whose life and ministry reflect the spirit of St. John's faithfulness to Christ. This year's recipients are Paul and Liz West.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S AWARD 2022 - PAUL AND LIZ WEST

Whereas Paul and Liz have been dedicated food pantry leaders by shopping for, preparing and distributing bags of food;

Whereas Paul and Liz share their musical gifts by participating in our choirs, filling our sanctuary with beautiful music;

Whereas Paul and Liz spent countless hours cleaning, painting, and otherwise preparing our 209 Concord Street property to welcome the refugee family;

Whereas Liz is an active participant in mentoring the children of Fulton Elementary school who attend our Eagle's Nest program;

Be it resolved that St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster bestows the 2022 St. John's Award to Paul and Liz West on Sunday, January 1st, 2023 in appreciation for their dedication to the people of St. John's congregation and our neighbors in the community.

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,

Feliz año neuvo! It has been a delight to ring in the New Year in Mexico and to hear friends and neighbors wish each other a Happy New Year on this first day of 2023. I am writing to you from the vibrant, bustling capital of Mexico City, where I am surrounded by festive lights, delicious food, including the traditional rosca de reyes holiday cakes, and bright colors in this historic city. People here are kind, gracious, and full of the Christmas spirit.

Our southern neighbor, Mexico, is home to over 100 million people, and it is the 13th largest country in the world! Did you know that it is also home to the largest number of Spanish speakers in the world? Mexico is also land of many contrasts. There are lively, modern cities and rural areas where peasants live in much the same ways their ancestors have for generations. There is tremendous wealth and poverty that breaks your heart.

I have learned so much about Christmas and New Year's traditions in Mexico since I have been here. Did you know that the Christmas season in Mexico begins on December 12 and officially ends on February 2? Wow! There are so many special celebrations throughout this time. I also learned that many Christmas presents are still wrapped in bright packages under the Christmas tree! Mexican families traditionally wait until January 6, the day of the Epiphany when the three wise men from the East visited the baby Jesus, to open their gifts. Last night I attended a festive New Year's Eve party with my new friends, and just before midnight, they handed me 12 grapes. I was very confused at first, but then I learned that eating 12 grapes to celebrate the New Year—one for each month—is a longstanding tradition that brings good luck throughout the year!

This morning I worshipped at Christ Church in the northwestern part of the city. It is a beautiful church that dates to 1871. Christ Church serves a thriving expatriate community and offers services in English and Spanish. As I worshipped in this beautiful place, I gave thanks for the opportunity God has given me to see the world and to connect with people from all walks of life. We truly are one human family, and we need each other. I also kept in my prayers those in this country who suffer from unspeakable violence, economic despair, and injustice. So many people have sought a new life elsewhere, including in our own country. Please keep the people of Mexico in your prayers.

Your friend, John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to	o follow each service
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

6:00 PM	Daughters of the King
6:00 PM	Ministries Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Healing Service 12:00 PM 3:00 PM Eagle's Nest

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Rector's Day Off 5:45 PM Vestry Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 AM **Vestry Retreat**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Coffee Hour to follow each service Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:15 AM

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!**

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather, St. John's will operate under the same guidelines as the Lancaster City School District. On weekends, we will notify the parish of closures through our website, email, and social media pages. Please check regularly and share updates with others as information becomes available.

WELCOME

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

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