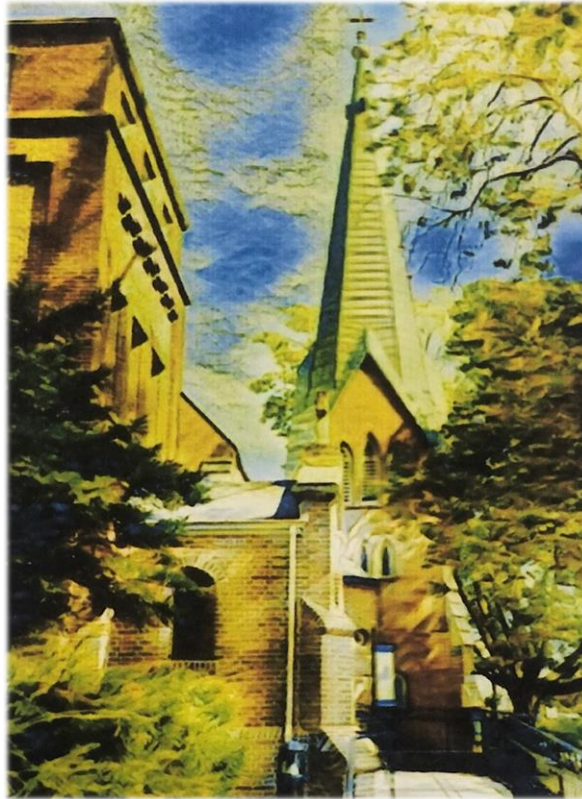


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JANUARY 22ND AT 10:15 A.M.



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

O Word of God Incarnate

Janet Harris
based on *Munich*

MUNICH has a colorful history; traces of this tune run as far back as 1593 in the Dresden, Germany, *Gesangbuch* in conjunction with the text "Wir Christenleut." A version from a Meiningen *Gesangbuch* (1693) is still used in Lutheranism for "O Gott, du frommer Gott." Felix Mendelssohn's adaptation of that tune for the quartet "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" in the oratorio *Elijah* (1846) is the most recent step in shaping MUNICH as we find it in the *Psalter Hymnal* and other modern English hymnals.

OPENING HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

HYMN 7

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

BCP 355

Officiant Blessed by 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

HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4 (*please be seated*)

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *
 the Lord is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
 one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
 and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West

HYMN 529

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand as 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*)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. Matthew's, Sunbury; and The Church of North India (United);
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; Josh, 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, Larisa Strawbridge, Bryna Paillard, Justin and Lisa, Pam Keister, Dan & Mary Rosenfeld, Ken Nolan Jr. & Carmen, Paula Wolf, Pat Pankey, Sea MacLeish, Tiny Nolan, David Rodriguez, Lily, Morgan and family; 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 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

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 OFFERTORY *Immortal Love, For Ever Full* Philip Dietterich

Lyricist John Green Whittier was the son of John Whittier and Abigail Hussey. At age 22, he became editor of the *American Manufacturer* in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1830, he began editing the *Haverhill Gazette* and the *New England Weekly Review* (Hartford, Connecticut). In 1835, Whittier was elected to the Massachusetts legislature. From 1847–59, he wrote for *The National Era* in Washington, DC. He was influential in the anti-slavery movement, and served as secretary of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-125**
 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.

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-149

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Your love, O God, has called us here
Thine arm, O Lord*

HYMN 353
HYMN 567

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

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 HYMN

We are Marching

WLP 787

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

The Power and the Glory

Lani Smith

Lani Smith (1934 – 2015) was an American organist best known for his church music compositions. He served as an editor, composer, and arranger on the Lorenz Publishing editorial staff between 1967 and 1982. During this time, he received composing and arranging credits for over 1000 works. Smith died on June 24, 2015. Smith was such a prolific composer/arranger that he published under at least seven names: his own, plus the pseudonyms Tom Birchwood, Edward Broughton, Christopher Gale, David Paxton, Gerald Peterson, and Franklin Ritter.

COFFEE



It's time to fill in our coffee hour volunteer slots for the new year. You can choose to help after either service or both- any help or greatly appreciated!



A sign-up link can be found on the church website

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,

Hello from Kolkata, India! What an experience to visit this vast, diverse nation, which is home to several ancient civilizations and a broad array of people, languages, and cultures. Indeed, Mark Twain described India as, "the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the matter of legends, and the great grandmother of tradition." One could spend years exploring India, and one week in the city of Kolkata, where I have spent most of time, is not nearly enough.

Kolkata, originally known as Calcutta, is regarded as the cultural capital of India and has a rich literary and artistic heritage. Calcutta was the capital of British-held territories in India until 1911, when calls for independence and growing nationalism took hold, causing the British to move the capital to New Delhi.

This city is a true delight for the senses. I have spent the past couple of days walking through Kolkata's paras, the city's close-knit neighborhoods in which there is a great spirit of community. I have also explored many of Kolkata's cultural treasures including the Indian National Library and Indian Museum; both are grand buildings of white marble that blend Indian and Western-style architecture with beautiful, intricate designs. Brightly colored buildings stretch for miles, and the city is bustling traffic, car horns, and an abundant energy; one can hear many languages spoken, along with Bengali, English, and Hindi which are the most common. Street food stalls and markets hint at the broad array of delicious (and spicy!) foods. Last night my new friends prepared a delicious meal of Indian coconut rice pilaf, murg posto (chicken in a poppy seed sauce) and chorchori (mixed vegetables). Today I worshipped at St. Paul's Cathedral, which dates from 1847 and is the first Anglican church in India.

Kolkata, however, is not without its share of challenges. It's population in 2021 was over 15 million, and almost a quarter of the population lives on less than one dollar a day. It is a very overcrowded and sometimes chaotic city of extremes -- great riches and great poverty, and many people live without clean water, access to healthcare. Many children must work to help support their families instead of attending school. Kolkata was also home to Mother Theresa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work among the sick and the poor and became St. Teresa of Calcutta several years after her death.

India is the world's largest democracy, and it is on track to surpass China as the most populated nation on the globe later this decade. India also is one of the world's fast-growing economies, but widespread inequality, devastating poverty, ethnic strife, environmental degradation, and human rights issues plague this country of over 1.4 billion souls. Please keep them all in your prayers because we are all God's children and all part of one human family. I will keep you in mine.

Your friend,
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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

12:00 PM Healing Service
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Rector's Day Off

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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 Jr. Usher Training

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.

JUNIOR USHER TRAINING: Any young person wanting to participate in Junior Ushering is invited to attend our training on Sunday, January 29 following the 10:15 A.M. service!

ONLINE AUCTION: Please bring your items valued at \$25 or more to the choir room to donate for the online auction at the dates and times listed below. Any questions about items can be directed to Leslie Morgan or Pam Loose.

Dates for dropping items off:

Wednesdays: Jan. 11, 18, 25, & Feb. 1 from 6–8PM
Sundays: Jan. 15, 22, 29, & Feb. 5 after each service

Lenten Reflections 2023

Dear St. John's family and friends,

In just a few short weeks, we will embark on our annual Lenten pilgrimage. For the past two years, we have offered a Lenten Devotional written by members of our community. Your reflections open the scriptures in such meaningful and holy ways.

With the season of Lent quickly approaching, I look forward to offering this gift a third year, but we're going to need your help! We are looking for 40 people to reflect on a daily scripture passage and write a short reflection to help us on our Lenten journeys. You don't need a theological degree or wear a collar to share your thoughts on scripture!

Following are the instructions for writing your reflections.

- Read your passage, pray, and write!
- Your reflection should be no longer than 200-250 words. Remember brief is beautiful!
- To submit your reflections, simply write the date and passage at the top of your submission and include your reflection below it.
- All reflections need to be emailed to amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org by FEBRUARY 10.
- Whatever is speaking to your heart is what you should write. Remember personal connections make scripture come alive for others. If you are really struggling with what to write, call me! I'd be happy to work through it with you.
- Make sure to write your name at the bottom of your reflection. (If you would like to remain anonymous we understand and will honor that, however we'd love to give credit where credit is due. I have found these writings to mean so much more when we know who they're coming from.)
- Finally, enjoy this process. This practice is designed to inspire conversations with God and with each other.

If you would like to contribute to the St. John's Lenten Reflection Book, please sign up on our website: www.stjohns-lancaster.org

And remember, there is no age limit to this spiritual practice. Children, youth, young adults, seasoned adults, and families are invited to participate!

I look forward to walking with you through this transformative season,
Amanda+



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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