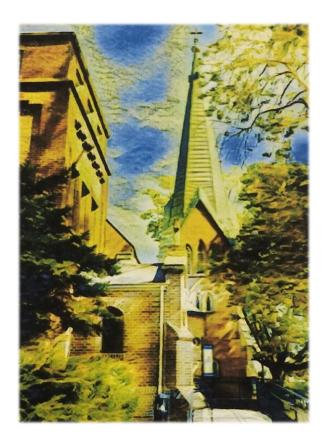
# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SCOUT SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II FEBRUARY 5<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

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**Let Us All With One Accord

Edward Broughton
Freeman Lewis

Now let us all with one accord, In company with ages past, Keep vigil with our heavenly Lord In his temptation and his fast.

OPENING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HYMN 390

OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing as you are able)

BCP 355

Officiant 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 HYMNAL S-280

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12 (please be seated)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did

not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 112:1-10** (*led by the staff*)

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \* and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \* and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \* the desires of the wicked will perish.

#### THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

**HYMN 457** 

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20 (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.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON MR. WADE HINKLE

#### **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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hollidaysburg; St. Andrew's, Tioga; and The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; *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, Justin and Lisa, Paula Wolf, Pat Pankey, Sea Macleish, Tiny Nolan, Lily, Morgan and family, The Marshall Family, Fr. John Emmert and family, Bonnie Geisel; 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.* 

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. *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 Holy Mana Kenneth Lowenberg

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is a Christian hymn originally written by preacher Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother, who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. Scriven originally published the poem anonymously, and only received full credit for it in the 1880s.

PRESENTATION HYMN

As with gladness

HYMNAL 119, vs. 3

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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 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,

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 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Let us break bread together HYMN 325

#### 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 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing HYMN 182

#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



### By the Grace of God,

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Will Ordain

# Jennifer Trenary

To The Sacred Order of Priests In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

> On Saturday, February 11, 2023 At 10 o'clock in the morning

St. John's Episcopal Church

321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA 17603

If you are unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed at the following link:

www.stjohns-lancaster.org

Your prayers and presence are requested Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stole) Reception to follow

## 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+



#### 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,

As the world is divided geographically into north and south of the equator, it is also thought of as the western hemisphere and the eastern hemisphere. I continue to write to you from the eastern hemisphere, which is basically everywhere going east from Greenwich / London, England until you run into the international date line in the Pacific Ocean. This week I'm traveling in Papua New Guinea, which is a very tropical island nation a bit north of the eastern half of Australia. The most amazing things grow here, plants and birds and animals that would seem exotic anywhere else. I've often wondered what the Garden of Eden was like, and now I wonder if I'm close to it here.

We often hear stories about the church being planted in a community, and then growing there, and I've always thought of that as a metaphor or a parable like Jesus would tell. You plant the idea of a church in the minds of the people living there, but you don't really plant a church building the way you plant a seed in your vegetable garden. Well guess what! That actually happened here! A long time ago, in 1891 a priest from England and another priest from Australia came here to Milne Bay on the far eastern tip of what's now called Papua New Guinea, to share the good news of the Bible and they planted a church. They stuck some tree branches into the ground to make the corners of a hut, and the rest was covered with thatch and twigs from the bushes and shrubs they found nearby. As time went by one of those tree branches at the corner of their church hut started to grow roots down into the soil. And then it sprouted some leaves, and then some twigs, and then new branches grew. That original branch became the trunk of a new tree, and now more than 130 years later it has grown into a tree over 100 feet tall. It's a symbol of the strength and growth of faith among the people here, and gives me hope that faith can grow out of good works wherever we try. I pray that your good works, and mine, will take root and spread the growth of faith in everyone we meet.

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

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 PM Daughters of the King

6:00 PM Ministries Council

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting

2:30 PM Food Pantry

7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 AM Ordination to Priesthood

of Jen Trenary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**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!

#### **MARTHA'S MINISTRY UPDATE:**

78 Hats + 23 Scarves + 31 Pairs of Socks + 16 Pairs of Gloves/Mittens = 148 lives have been touched! Thank you to everyone for contributing items to our Fence Ministry. In these cold winter months, these items make all the difference!

#### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:**

Next Sunday, February 12, our youth will host a soup luncheon at noon, to raise funds for our Food Pantry ministry, which serves the needs of our Lancaster neighbors. Your monetary contributions help us fill the gaps in food donations. We'll have specially marked envelopes in the pews, and you use them to place donations in the offering plate or in the big soup pot in Parish Hall.

#### 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.

#### **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

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The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon scatigano@gmail.com

The Rev. Jen Trenary, Assistant Rector jen@stjohns-lancaster.org

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