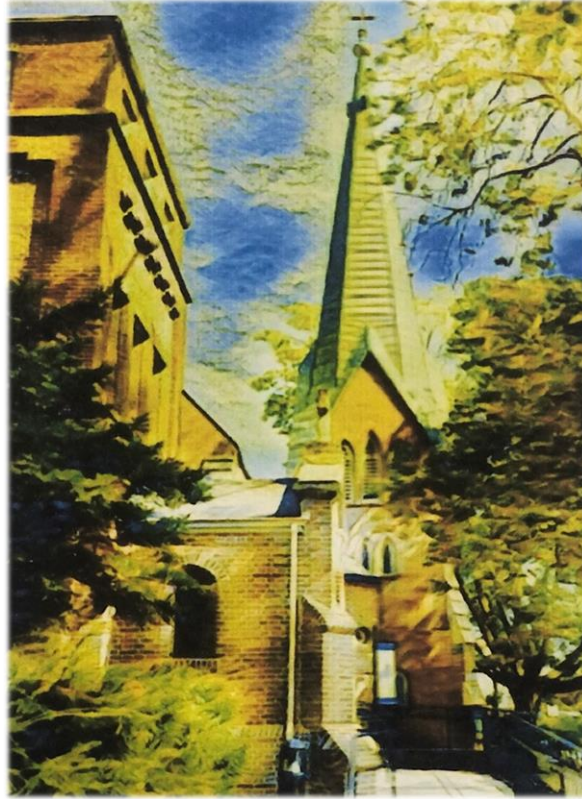


**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE TRANSFIGURATION
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
FEBRUARY 19TH AT 10:15 A.M.**



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

Morning Hymn

Harold K Marks
Melody from “*Pennsylvania
Choral Harmony*”, 1870

The Pennsylvania Choral Harmony, containing the principal church melodies, provided with German and English text; Adapted to the use of Christian churches of every denomination; comprising a number of the most popular pieces of the most eminent composers - composed for three or four voices, together with a concise introduction to the Art of Singing, designed for the use of Scholars, as well as for Public Worship, Families, Singing Schools, and Musical Societies.

OPENING HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

HYMN 522

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18 (*please be seated*)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
 and the princes plot together, *
 against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
 the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
 and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
 upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
 he said to me, "You are my Son;
 this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.
 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
 and with trembling bow before him;
 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
 13 Happy are they all *
 who take refuge in him!

THE EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *O wondrous type!* **HYMN 137**
 vs. 1-3 before the Gospel Reading, vs. 4-5 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 *(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.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to

be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TREMARY

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. James Episcopal Church, Mansfield; and The Anglican Church of Rwanda;

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, Nancy Strasburg, Debbie Carter, Justin and Lisa, Paula Wolf, Morgan & Family, The Marshall Family, Fr. John Emmert, Bonnie Geisel, Leigh and Chris, Sharon Maloney, Marie Stauffer, Colleen, and Ella; 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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of George Wilkinson Moyer by Molly Moyer.*

THE OFFERTORY

A Celtic Communion

Mark Hayes

Based upon “*Bunessan*”

Heather Trenary, flute

traditional Gaelic melody

*Bread of the World in mercy broken, Wine of the Soul in mercy shed,
by Whom the words of life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken; Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Your feast to us the token that by Your grace our souls are fed!
Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three;
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One.*

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 God 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,

*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

*The sinless one
My God, thy table now is spread*

HYMN 120
HYMN 321

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

God of our fathers

HYMN 718

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE
Fantasia on “*St Kevin*”

Come, Ye Faithful

Robert J Hughes
Tune by Arthur S Sullivan

Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan (13 May 1842 – 22 November 1900) was an English composer. He is best known for 14 operatic collaborations with the dramatist W. S. Gilbert, including *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Mikado*. His works include 24 operas, 11 major orchestral works, ten choral works and oratorios, two ballets, incidental music to several plays, and numerous church pieces, songs, and piano and chamber pieces. His hymns and songs include "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "The Lost Chord".

*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,

This week I send you greetings and wishes for Peace in God's community from the African nation of Rwanda. Folks who are old enough may remember hearing about this land through the movie [Hotel Rwanda](#), which depicted the horrendous genocide of 1994.

More recently, though, Rwanda is held up as a model of reconciliation and healing. The notion of justice, including as discussed many times in the Bible, centers on the

punishment handed down to someone who has hurt someone else, and that carries through to many countries today. If you break the law you go to jail. Jesus also taught about forgiveness, though. Yes, the crime or wrong was committed, and someone hurt someone else. Punishment may be appropriate to stop that hurt from happening again, but it doesn't always do much to heal the hurt that's already happened. Following the genocide here where more than 800,000 people were killed by their own neighbors and countrymen, Rwanda initiated a forum for healing called the gacaco court system. This brought perpetrators together in face to face meetings with their victims and the wider community to confess and ask for forgiveness. The perpetrators still faced their punishments under the law, but more importantly it allowed the victims a public forum, and the ear of those who hurt them, to tell their stories.

Asking for forgiveness does not always guarantee that it will be given, but confession and true repentance often helps heal the hurt for all those involved in the prior violence. And healing is allowing people and this nation to move forward. A great many people hurt a great many others, and yet those people are choosing to accept what happened, learn what they can from it, heal as best they can, and go forward as a stronger nation living in community. I pray that all people of conflict can learn from these lessons in Rwanda.

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 & Youth Group
 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting
 6:30 PM Property Committee

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:00 PM Daughters of the King

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
 2:30 PM Food Pantry
 4:00 PM Finance Committee
 5:30 PM Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
7:00 PM Ecumenical Service
at St. Thomas'

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Rector's Day Off

6:00 PM Lenten Event

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS FOR THIS WEEK:

Pasta Sauce, spaghetti, and toothpaste. Thank you, St. John's!

Pancake Supper!

Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



Meals include pancakes, sausage,
fruit, butter & syrup.

Free will donations are requested to support
our Youth Ministries.

Take-out orders are also accepted. You can place your
orders in advance by contacting Karen DiPace at
karen.dipace@gmail.com.

LENTEN EVENT

**Friday, February 24
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Come hear local artist and teacher, Dick Ressel share art and insight on Jesus and the temptations in the wilderness.

**Light meal at 6:00 PM
Presentation 6:45 PM
Evening Prayer 8:00 PM**

**St. John's Parish Hall
All are welcome!**



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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John Knouse, Property Manager
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