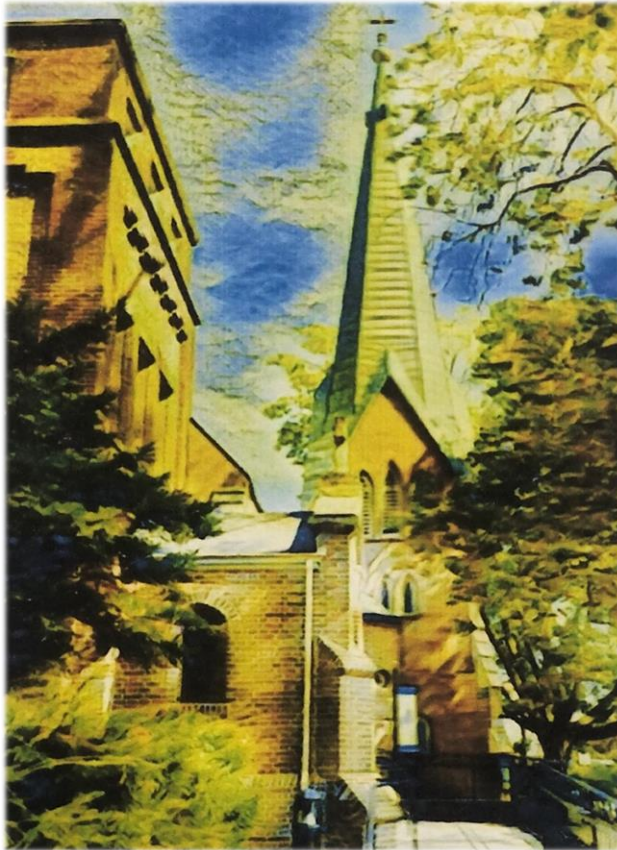


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
APRIL 30TH AT 10:15 A.M.



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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Rex Koury

Tune: *Converse*

Charles C. Converse

Charles Crozat Converse was an American attorney who also worked as a composer of church songs; he was born in Warren, Massachusetts on October 7, 1832. He studied law and music in Leipzig, Germany, returned home in 1857, and graduated from the Albany Law School in 1861. Many of his musical compositions appeared under the anagrammatic pen-names "C. O. Nevers", "Karl Reden", "E. C. Revons", and "Lesta Vesé".

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

HYMN 518

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

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47 (*please be seated*)

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been

called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Come My Way

HYMN 487

vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Thomas, Lancaster and The Episcopal Church;

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Audrey our own 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, Pat Pankey, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Flora Rutledge, Angie Stamm, Sharon Engle, Marvin Lyons, Ann Marie, Brandon Stamm, and Chase;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, 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, Carole Humphrey, Tiny Nolan, Darlene Bentley, and Carolyn Archer;

That they may know your presence.

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.

Officiant 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.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *The Lord is My Shepherd* Howard Goodall

The Lord is my Shepherd is best known as the theme tune to the award-winning BBC TV series The Vicar of Dibley. Goodall's setting of Psalm 23 is warm and melodious and has been, and will continue to be, popular with choirs everywhere.

PRESENTATION HYMN *Doxology* **OLD 100TH**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us

everlasting life. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMNAL S-129**
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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

*All who hunger gather gladly
As we gather at your table*

WLP 761
WLP 763

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.

People *We, who are many, are one body. 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 *adapted from the The Rev. William Sloane Coffin*

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.

May God take your lips and speak through them.

May God take your hands and work through them.

May God take your hearts and set them on fire.”

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* David Paxton
Tune: *Praise, My Soul* John Goss

Sir John Goss was an English organist, composer and teacher. Born to a musical family, Goss was a boy chorister of the Chapel Royal, London, and later a pupil of Thomas Attwood, organist of St Paul's Cathedral. After a brief period as a chorus member in an opera company, he was appointed organist of a chapel in south London, later moving to more prestigious organ posts at St Luke's Church, Chelsea and finally St Paul's Cathedral, where he struggled to improve musical standards. As a composer, Goss wrote little for the orchestra, but was known for his vocal music, both religious and secular. From 1827 to 1874, Goss was a professor at the Royal Academy of Music, teaching harmony. He also taught at St Paul's. Among his pupils at the academy were Arthur Sullivan, Frederic Cowen and Frederick Bridge. His best-known pupil at St Paul's was John Stainer, who succeeded him as organist there.

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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,

Blessings to you and our St. John's family! It has been a joy to travel to so many countries and to see how Christ is alive in the world today. Today I am writing to you from the same time zone! That's right, I am in our nation's capital of Washington, DC, and what a wonderful coincidence because today we are praying for the Episcopal Church in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Today I had the great privilege of worshipping at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, which is more commonly known as Washington National Cathedral. What a glorious building surrounded by 59 acres of gardens in the heart of the city! The Cathedral is the sixth largest in the world, and it reminds me of the cathedrals of Europe. Construction began on the Cathedral in 1907 when Teddy Roosevelt was President, and it was completed 83 years later in 1990. Throughout this magnificent place, there is beautiful ironwork, stained-glass windows, and intricate stonework and carvings. Yet most importantly, the Cathedral is known as a "House of Prayer for all People" and as a sacred space where our nation can gather together to celebrate, to mourn, to pray, and to praise God.

I had always thought that the Episcopal Church was only in the United States, but how wrong I was! I have learned that Episcopal Church includes dioceses and congregations in 20 countries in North America, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. I have also learned how wonderfully engaged the Episcopal Church is in the world. For example, Global Partnerships is one of the Episcopal Church's key mission areas that focuses on "building bridges beyond ourselves." Global Partnerships has close associations around the Anglican Communion, the National Council of Churches, and it even works closely with the United Nations! I also learned about the incredible work of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church. They work around the world and in the United States and collaborate with local communities to find solutions to help people live better lives. ERD also works to rebuild after disasters, promote the rights of women and children around the world, and help communities who are bearing the brunt of changing weather patterns. Finally, I learned about Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), "who welcomes refugees, educates communities, and mobilizes congregations to advocate for protection and rights for all migrants." EMM is one of the 10 national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the government.

How wonderful to know that each of us can engage with the world from our own home by learning about global events, donating our time and resources, or, most importantly, praying for our brothers and sisters around the world. – John Traveler

The poster features a light green background with a white rectangular area containing the title. To the left of the title is a faint green silhouette of a plant branch. To the right and bottom are photographs of various green leaves and branches. The title is in a dark green, sans-serif font, with a short horizontal line underlining the word 'Planting'.

AIDS Memorial Garden Clean-Up & Planting

There will be a gathering at the Janice Stork Linear Park on Saturday morning May 6th from 9am - 12 noon to spruce up the Memorial Garden. Clean up, planting of annuals, weeding, and mulching the flower beds will be the focus of the work. Bring gloves, and appropriate garden tools if you have them! A Sign-Up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the parish house; see Dave Martin, or notify via email.

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St. John's Food Pantry

Your St. John's Food Pantry is working hard to meet the needs of our neighbors and community.

- Are you available from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays to greet and help visitors? We need more distributors for both days and find that 3-4 people are needed each time we open for business.
- Can you help pick up food donations from other churches, grocery stores, and the Central PA Foodbank?
- Would you like to help us purchase and procure the supplies we need, help stock the carts before each distribution and other behind-the-scenes activities?

If you would like more information about working with the food pantry or can help us, please contact Debbie Carter dpcarterpa@verizon.net or Marion Wear at wearall@comcast.net!

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 1

5:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Ministries Council

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Rector's Day Off

TUESDAY, MAY 2

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

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:00 AM AIDS Memorial Garden
Cleanup

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

12:00 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

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:

Shampoo, toothpaste, peanut butter, and breakfast cereal - Thank you, St. John's!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out a card in your pew and place it in the offertory plate or email office@stjohns-lancaster.org.

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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