THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II APRIL 16TH 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

My Redeemer

Lani Smith Tune by James McGranahan

James McGranahan was a nineteenth-century American musician and composer, most known for his various hymns. He was born 4 July 1840 in Adamsville, Pennsylvania, and died 9 July 1907 at his home in Kinsman, Ohio. He composed over 25 hymns. For example, in one work he is listed as the composer of three notable songs: "He Will Hide Me" by Mary Elizabeth Servoss, "Revive Thy Work, O Lord" by Albert Midlane, and "Come" by a "Mrs. James Gibson Johnson"; and he composed the music for at least 39 of the 79 hymns in a work co-authored with Ira D. Sankey. McGranahan composed most of the tunes for the lyrics of Major Daniel Webster Whittle, including EL NATHAN, the tune associated with Whittle's "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (written 1883). The music of his hymn "My Redeemer," written for lyrics by P. P. Bliss, is used as the accompaniment for the Latter-day Saints hymn "O My Father."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia. alleluia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing as you are able)

Officiant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

HYMNAL S-236

HYMN 178

BCP 355

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (please be seated)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PropleThanks be to God.

PSALM 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people. 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied. 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot. 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage. 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope. 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit. 11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. PeopleThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN We walk by faith **HYMN 209** vs. 1-2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3-4 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (please remain standing as you are able)

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

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)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially Trinity Episcopal Pro Cathedral, Williamsport; and The Anglican Church of Tanzania; *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, and Audrey our own Bishop; *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; and Danene, our Mayor; *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, Mary Hinkle, Ella & Colleen, Carmen, Nicole Pham, Fred Gary, Mary Byrley, Pam Kester, Jeannie Zeller, Matt Patterson, Tiny Nolan, Flora Rutledge, and Angie Stamm; *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, especially Mary Lou Heilman, 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

Martin Edward Fallas Shaw (9 March 1875 – 24 October 1958) was an English composer, conductor, and theatre producer. His over 300 published works include songs, hymns, carols, oratorios, several instrumental works, a congregational mass setting (the Anglican Folk Mass), and four operas including a ballad opera. Shaw delighted in describing himself as a cockney, a title he could claim under Samuel Rowlands' definition of one born within the sound of the Bow Bells. Born 9 March 1875, he was the son of the Bohemian and eccentric James Fallas Shaw, composer of church music and organist of Hampstead parish church and Charlotte Elizabeth Shaw, née James. He was the elder brother of the composer and influential educator Geoffrey Shaw and the actor Julius "Jules" Brinkley Shaw, whose career was cut short by the First World War - he was killed in March 1918. He studied under Charles Stanford at the Royal College of Music, together with a generation of composers that included Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and John Ireland. He then embarked upon a career as a theatrical producer, composer and conductor, the early years of which he described as "a long period of starving along". However, he began his career as an organist, serving at Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead, from 1895 to 1903.

PRESENTATION HYMN

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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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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	That Easter day	HYMN 193
	Love's redeeming work	HYMN 188

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

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.

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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!

CLOSING HYMN	We know that Christ is raised	Hymn 296
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THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Azmon"

Don Phillips

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" is a Christian hymn written by Charles Wesley. The hymn was placed first in John Wesley's *A Collection of Hymns for the People Called Methodists* published in 1780. It was the first hymn in every Methodist hymnal from that time until the publication of *Hymns and Psalms* in 1983. Charles Wesley was suffering a bout of pleurisy in May, 1738, while he and his brother were studying under the Moravian scholar Peter Boehler in London. At the time, Wesley was plagued by extreme doubts about his faith. Taken to bed with the sickness, on May 21 Wesley was attended by a group of Christians who offered him testimony and basic care, and he was deeply affected by this. He read from his Bible and found himself deeply affected by the words, and at peace with God. Shortly his strength began to return. He wrote of this experience in his journal, and counted it as a renewal of his faith; when his brother Johnhad a similar experience on May 24, the two men met and sang a hymn Charles had written in praise of his renewal.

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 Amanda,

Blessings to you and our St. John's family during the glorious Easter season! The Lord is Risen! Jambo, which means hello in Swahili, from the majestic country of Tanzania in East Africa. There is natural beauty everywhere in this country from Lake Victoria, one of the African great lakes in the north, to Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain plain, to the vast plains of the Serengeti National Park, where one can see giraffes, elephants, lions, cheetahs, leopards, rhinoceros, zebras, and many more stately animals. Tanzania is also an incredibly diverse country, given its historical importance as part of a major trade route and access to the Indian Ocean.

I began my travels in the port city of Dar es Salaam, the former capital, which sits on the Indian Ocean. It is Tanzania's largest city and its financial and commercial hub as well as one of the fastest growing cities in the world. It's architecture, which is exquisite, reflects European, Asian, and African traditions, and I have taken many delightful walks along the picturesque harbor. The name Dar es Salaam means "abode of peace" in Arabic, and the kindness and hospitality of the people here reflect the name of the city. Many things have changed here since that terrible day in 1998 when extremists attacked the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

You may have heard about Tanzania on the news lately because our Vice President Kamala Harris visited there in March! She met with Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is Tanzania's first female President and has played a key role in strengthening democracy in her country.

Yesterday I took the ferry from Dar Es Salaam to the exotic island of Zanzibar. Zanzibar once stood at the intersection of the spice trade, the ivory trade, and sadly, the slave trade. So many cultures from its trading days have left a mark on this lively and colorful place. Churches and mosques stand not far from each other, one can easily see Arab, Persian, Asian and European influences everywhere. I have loved strolling through Zanzibar's winding lanes and taking in the delicious smells of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and black pepper. Today I worshipped at the Anglican Cathedral in Zanzibar's Stone Town, which

Traveler Letter, continued:

became a World Heritage Site in 2000. The Cathedral, which opened on Christmas Day in 1879, stands in the center of town on the site of what was Zanzibar's largest slave market. The Cathedral's construction was intended to celebrate the end of slavery.

Please keep this beautiful country of 34.5 million people in your prayers. I was saddened to learn that officials recently announced for the first time an outbreak of the deadly Marburg virus. Tanzania is one of Africa's more politically stable countries, but the economic situation is challenging because many people live below the World Bank poverty line.

Your friend, John Traveler

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. mdsmartinduncan@aol.com

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	

MONDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 PM Daughters of the King

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

1:30 PMMartha's Ministry2:30 PMFood Pantry

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
- 10:00 AM Worship Committee
- 2:30 PM Food Pantry
- 6:30 PM Men's Gathering

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

1:00 PM Funeral

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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:

Shampoo, toothpaste, canned chicken, and canned fruit - Thank you, St. John's!

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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