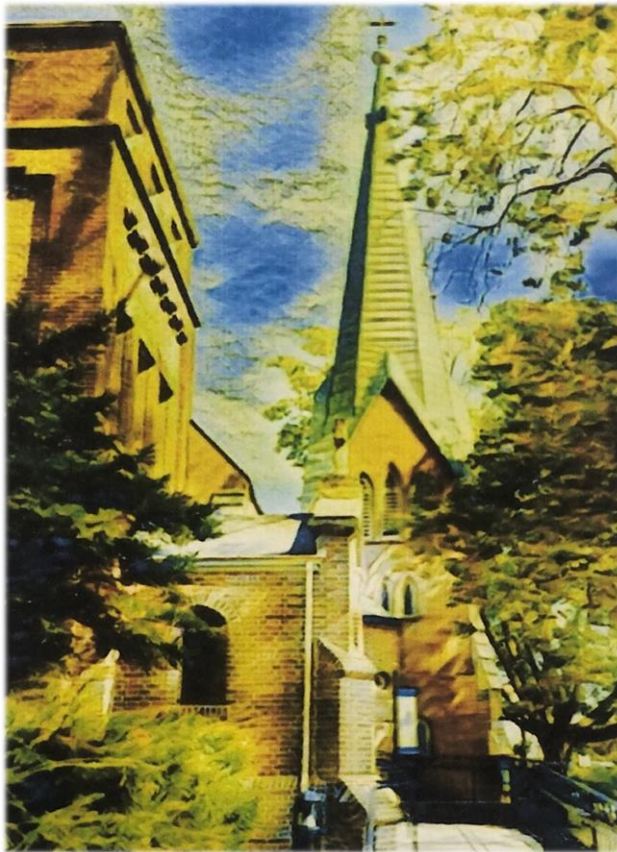


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
APRIL 23RD AT 10:15 A.M.



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

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Franklin Ritter

*If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYMN 460

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 blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (*please be seated*)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord* **HYMN 304**
vs. 1-3 before the Gospel reading, vs. 4-5 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand as you are able*)

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. (*pause*)
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*please kneel as you are able*)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, York; and The Church of the Province of Uganda;

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, Mary Hinkle, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Tiny Nolan, Flora Rutledge, Angie Stamm, Sharon Engle, Marvin Lyons, and Rich Garon;

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

I Speak of Thee

Louise Myers Emig

*I speak of Thee, O Holy Christ, Thou Man of Galilee,
I speak of Thee who came to earth, from sin to set men free.
I speak of Thee, O Perfect One, who for this world did weep,
And for the ransomed soul of man a holy tryst did keep.*

*I speak of Thee, O Holy Christ, Thou Lamb upon a tree.
I speak of Thee who walked the anguished road to Calvary,
Who triumphed o'er the grave, the darkened earth to save.
So life we high our voice in carols to rejoice.*

*I speak of Thee, O Holy Christ, while bells of Easter chime,
I speak of Thee in rev'rence here in man's poor lowly rhyme.
Hosannah to the Blessed One! So may it ever be,
That all the world should seek Thy throne, in gladness praising Thee.*

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

*Let us break bread together
Praise the Lord*

HYMN 325

HYMN 334

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!

CLOSING HYMN

Sing, ye faithful

HYMN 492

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

Lani Smith

Tune: *Italian Hymn*

Felice di Giardini

Felice di Giradini was a Baroque composer and violinist. Although he already demonstrated a certain talent for the violin as a child, his father sent him to Milan as a cathedral chorister, where he studied singing, composition and harpsichord under the guidance of Giuseppe Paladini. He later returned to Turin where he continued his violin studies with Giovanni Battista Somis. At the age of twelve he entered the orchestra of a Roman opera house as a violinist and later that of the Teatro San Carlo in Naples, where he soon reached the position of vice maestro di cappella. It was on this stage that on 30 May 1747 during the revival of Eumene or on 4 November 1748 during the revival of Ezio that Giardini was greatly appreciated by Niccolò Jommelli for his sudden embellishments during the performance, a fact reported by Charles Burney in his Musical trip to Italy.

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,

Greetings to you in this Easter season. I am grateful to continue my travels in East Africa. After my visit to Tanzania, I journeyed north to Uganda, which is known as the "Pearl of Africa," because of its diverse landscapes, waterfalls, lakes, and snow-capped Rwenzori mountains. Uganda also straddles the equator, which means the climate is warm and comfortable year-round, although sometimes rather humid! I am writing to you from the bustling capital city of Kampala. I can hear the roar of minibuses and (motorcycle taxis) in the crowded streets. I have also enjoyed my walks along the shores of Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake, which is quite close to the city.

Uganda is a very young country – by that I mean that 70% of its 40 million citizens are under the age of 25. The youth are the hope of this beautiful place, which is burdened by economic challenges, corruption, political oppression, and restrictions on human rights. Only 20% of the country has electricity. Many young people from Uganda seek jobs in service and hospitality industries and as laborers in wealthier countries to send money back to support their families. I met one young man, Geoffrey, who was home visiting his family and preparing to return to the Gulf, where he works as a lifeguard at a hotel.

Yet believe me when I tell you that Christ is alive here! Uganda has opened its doors to hundreds of refugees fleeing violence in neighboring states, even though their economy is already strained. I had the great joy to worship at All Saints Cathedral today, which has vibrant ministries in a modern building with tall ceilings and elegant arches. They have nine priests on their staff! I had the privilege to hear The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Rebecca Margret Nyegenye preach, who is the provost of the Cathedral. She is also the first woman to hold this position in the Diocese of Kampala. Uganda has such a rich, welcoming culture, and Ugandans are famous for their hospitality.

I also had the great pleasure of attending an event at the National Anti-Wildlife Crime Coordination Task Force, the first such organization in Africa dedicated to wildlife crime. Gladys Kamansanyu is the judge who prosecutes poachers who traffic wildlife products through Uganda and harm animals. Thanks to her work, poaching has decreased in Uganda. Please keep the people of Uganda in your prayers. Blessings to you and our St. John's family always. – 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.

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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, APRIL 24

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Rector's Day Off

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS FOR THIS WEEK:
Facial tissues, laundry detergent pods, pork and beans/baked beans, and spaghetti -
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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