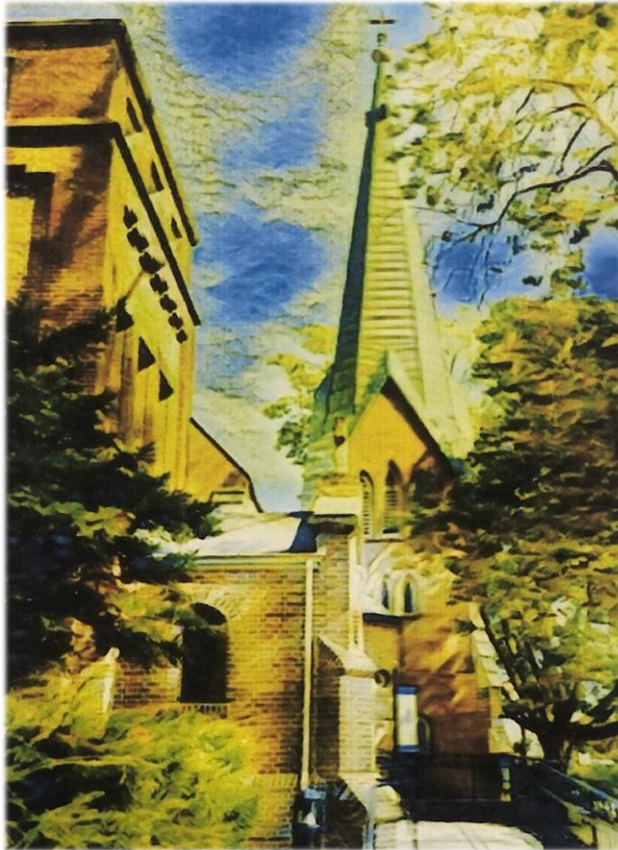


THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
MAY 21st AT 10:15 A.M.



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

Traumerei

Robert Schumann
Sophie Thompson, piano

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

HYMN 495

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please rise in body or spirit)*

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14 *(please be seated)*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *The head that once was crowned with thorns* **HYMN 483**
vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

Celebrant
People

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Luke's, Mount Joy;
St. John's, Bellefonte; and The Church in the Province of the West Indies;
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, Angie Stamm, Ann Marie, Chase, Mary Stevenson, Michael Yoder, Michelle Snyder, Marilyn Wienk, Carmen, and Peggy; *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.

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.*

A CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES AND TEACHERS

God of wisdom and love, surround those who are graduating with your never-ending grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. Enable them to stay true to their dreams for your greater glory, to discern what is right, good and just, and to use their gifts wisely and in service to others. Empower them to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

God of hope and love, we give you thanks this day for the gift of teachers. We thank you for their faithfulness, for their unwavering commitment to our young people, and for the patience, love, and compassion they offer week in and week out. Thank you for their unique voices and for their willingness to share the story of our salvation in creative and life-giving ways. Now, Lord give them rest. May the months ahead, provide nourishment and renewal. May they experience the joy of knowing they planted seeds and opened a world of good news to those they welcomed and taught. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Peace I Leave with You

Frances McCollin

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. 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
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.*

HYMNAL S-129

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,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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 who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS *When Christ was lifted from the earth*
Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

HYMN 603
HYMN 315

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

HYMN 450

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Etude, Opus 10, No. 3

Frederic Chopin
Claire Thompson, piano



ST. JOHN'S GRADUATE PROFILES 2023



Nicholas DiPace will be graduating from Lampeter Strasburg High school this year. He plans to attend Millersville University to study Computer Science.



Otto Williams will be graduating from Veritas Academy. Next year he will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study biology on the pre-med track in their honors college.



Claire Thompson is a proud member of the McCaskey Class of 2023. This fall she's off to St. Mary's College of Maryland to study chemistry and anything else that catches her fancy.

Conor Brenton is graduating from Arizona State University in May.



Niclette Kibibi has received her PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Iowa College of Public Health. Niclette came to St. John's in 2005 as a refugee from Congo DR by way of Zambia. She was hosted by John and Fran Gouveia while she completed high school. Niclette will be pursuing a career in analyzing public health data to advocate for improving the health needs of refugees.

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,

Barbados, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Belize, The Bahamas, Turks & Caicos, the Windward Islands, Aruba, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica! Can you imagine a more tropical list of islands to go church hopping? Welcome to the Anglican Province of the West Indies. You may know that Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe thinking he would find an over-sea passage to India. When he landed on the islands here they were mistakenly named the West Indies. Of course they were already occupied by Taino and Arawak people, but Europeans took them over and wrote the histories that most of us read in school.

Jamaica's history is long, and still evolving. Going back 500 years, English and Spanish enterprises found the value of bringing Jamaica's rich agricultural natural resources back to Europe. Sugar cane was immensely profitable, but it relied on cheap labor. Enter slavery, and by 1800 there were more than 300,000 slaves taken to and put to work in Jamaica. As I wrote last week, and you know, slavery was finally abolished but one of its legacies is that today many people in the West Indies have a combination of native and African heritage. It greatly influences the art and music and culture here. Right up front: I love reggae music! Its rhythms are instantly recognizable, but I encourage you to listen to the lyrics. It expresses deep spirituality and a great faith in the Creator God.

Did you go to the Penn Relays a couple of weeks ago? Did you see the Jamaican teams that travelled there to compete? Did you sit in the upper level of Franklin Field, and catch the contagious joy and spirit of the Jamaican fans and family that cheer for everyone turning that last corner? Everyone is family. We're all family. Here, there, and everywhere. Turn up the music, and let the spirit run.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Graduation Sunday

- 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 22-24

Clergy Conference in Danville

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Rector's Day Off

TUESDAY, MAY 23

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- Pentecost*
9:00 AM Joint Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 12:00 PM Healing Service

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, MAY 25

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

ST. JOHN'S PRIDE BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As an open & affirming congregation we are going to Lancaster Pride, because the LGBTQIA+ community need to hear from loving Christians who believe we are ALL children of God. Lancaster Pride will be held at the Lancaster County Convention Center (25 S Queen St) from Noon to 7 pm on June 17th, 2023. Volunteer time slots are 2 hours long. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4BA8AB22A2F94-stjohns> OR in the Parish Hall.

If you have questions, feel free to find Heather Trenary at church (you can text/call 513-377-0881 or email her at kanary77@gmail.com) or message Jen+ or Amanda+.

AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

A signup sheet is posted on the parish house bulletin board for those interested in helping with the summer maintenance of primarily weed control. Garden is located on W. Lemon St. just west of Water Street as part of the Janice Stork linear park. Parking is available next to the garden in the Ponessa parking lot. For any other details contact Dave Martin.

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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