

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRINITY SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP



SUNDAY, JUNE 4th
9:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Throughout the summer, we will gather as one for worship each week at 9:00 A.M. This month, we are using Enriching our Worship, commissioned by the Standing Committee for Liturgy, for our Sunday worship service.

Enriching our Worship, or EOW, is part of an ongoing process of listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church through the diverse experience of those who gather to worship and to celebrate the sacramental rites which fashion and identify us as the People of God. Our musical selections come from one of three resources: The 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing, and Wonder, Love, and Praise. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew! Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. 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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Franklin Ritter
William Moore

Tune: HOLY MANA

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, thou almighty king

HYMN 365

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

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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

Glory to God

S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a *(please be seated)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw

that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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GRADUAL HYMN

Holy God we praise thy Name

HYMN 366

vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3 & 4 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. STACEY CATIGANO

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 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Nativity, Newport and St. Stephen's, Thompsontown; and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe, our president; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Tiny Nolan, Darlene Bentley, and Carolyn Archer. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit 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, Peggy, Bart Smallwood, Jesse Rutledge, Hannah, and Jasmine; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Spirit of the Living Lord

Robert W. Thygerson

PRESENTATION HYMN

Holy Father, great Creator

HYMN 368 vs. 4

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Holy, holy, holy!

HYMN 362

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

Edward Broughton
traditional Welsh melody

Tune: ST. DENIO

SUMMER SERIES: TRANSFORMING QUESTIONS: SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Join us every Sunday, beginning today, in the All-Purpose room for a new summer series, entitled, Transforming Questions. This Adult Forum series is open to anyone interesting in growing in their faith this summer!

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Every year, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania gathers for worship and fellowship, and to address the business of the greater church. Every parish in the diocese elects delegates to represent their parish. St. John's has the great fortune of sending five delegates and two alternates to annual convention (Fall of 2023). If you would like to represent St. John's, please email Amanda+ by **June 14** at amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org. Once we have a full list of names, we will elect our representation!

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,

St. John's folks of a certain age will remember that Simon & Garfunkel had a song in the late 1960's singing "Someone told me it's all happening at the zoo. I do believe it. I do believe it's true!" My goodness, the same could be said about Alexandria Egypt in the early years of Christianity. This week I'm worshipping at Saint Mark's Cathedral here, which is named for the same Mark who wrote the Gospel According to Mark. Following the resurrection of Jesus he travelled and came to Alexandria by the year 33 A.D (or 42, depending on who's telling the history). It's a beautiful church that was recently built on the site where Saint Mark was martyred. And that seemed to set the tone for decisions and divisions within the church.

Fast forward to the 300's and Alexandria saw the first major schism (division) in the church. The Nicene Creed we recite was first adopted by the leaders of the church at the Council of Nicea in the year 325 that was called, in part, to resolve theological differences of opinion between two prominent priests here in Alexandria. As you know, the creed begins "We believe..." The purpose of establishing the creed was to designate what people in the true and correct church believe, and to say that if you didn't believe that then you weren't a member of the true and correct church. It formalized an "us vs them" mentality. Schism in the church only 300 years after Jesus' life, here in Alexandria.

Of course there are many people and churches working to bring people together rather than divide us, and I'm happy to know the Episcopal Church is one of those. The first Anglican missionaries came to Alexandria in the early 1800's, building schools, hospitals and medical clinics, in addition to opening churches and distributing copies of the gospels written in the dominant language of Arabic. The message was "all are welcome," and remains that today. I know you're sharing that same message in Lancaster. Rather than dividing us, that message ties us all together. Hold the Province of Alexandria in your prayers today, as I hold you in mine.

Blessings always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15AM Lemonade Time
10:30 AM Summer Series Kick-Off

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5

5:00 PM Executive Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

12:00 PM Healing Service

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Rector's Day Off
11:00 AM Funeral

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

6:00 PM Gratitude Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Lemonade Time
10:30 AM Summer Series

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

LEMONADE TIME IN THE COURTYARD (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Beginning June 4, we will share in fellowship following worship with Lemonade Time. Supplies are provided (with encouragement for enhancement). Please sign up for a Sunday in the parish hall or see Sue Martin!

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 from 12 - 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.

OUR MINISTERS

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