

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP



SUNDAY, JULY 23RD
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

Meditation on St. Columbia

Edward Broughton

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When morning gilds the skies

HYMN 427

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a (*please be seated*)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put

it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
 try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing

HYMN 868

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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 Trinity Episcopal Church, Chambersburg; and The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
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; we pray for 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, Carolyn Archer, Peggy Zuke, and Paula Wolf. 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, Debbie Carter, Pat Pankey, Kate, Nancy Strasburg, Justing & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Carmen, Molly, Kevin, Kathy, Colleen, and the Rev. Robert Bailey; 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.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Clifford Robert Everts by Molly Moyer

THE OFFERTORY
Tune: BRADBURY

Like a Shepherd

John M. Rasley
William B. Bradbury

PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
(Please rise in body or spirit)

HYMN 410 vs. 1

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship: Prayer 1

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.*

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
There's a wideness in God's mercy*

HYMN 550

HYMN 470

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

Ye servants of God

HYMN 535

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude on St. Gertrude

Joseph Prentiss

St. John's

YARD GIVE
August 11/12 • 7AM-11PM

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more information at ptloose@ptd.net

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,

My travels this week have taken me to Malawi, an exquisitely beautiful country in southeastern Africa that borders Zambia, Tanzania, and Mozambique. Malawi is a small country with natural treasures including wildlife reserves, mountains, plateaus, highlands, and Lake Malawi, one of the African Great Lakes that spans Malawi, Tanzania, and Mozambique. The waters of Lake Malawi sparkle in the sun, and its water is among the bluest in the world.

Malawi is known as the "warm heart of Africa" because its people are famous for their warmth and hospitality. I am so grateful to experience this firsthand with my new friends, Upendo and Mtendere, who showed me around their capital city, Lilongwe. Malawi's economy is agriculture based, and the country is working to develop a sustainable tourism industry. It is also one of Africa's poorest countries in terms of economic wealth. Thankfully, new hotels are flourishing along Lake Malawi with tourists who are discovering its sandy beaches and snorkeling and diving activities. Upendo and Mtendere took me to a variety of traditional street markets where skilled artisans carve beautiful, intricate wooden figurines out of teak, ebony, and mahogany and weave gorgeous baskets. Fresh food is abundant here, and we dined on tilapia from Lake Malawi. We also visited Tiyamike Sewing, a non-profit sewing school that offers free sewing lessons for disadvantaged women. Upon graduation, each woman receives a free sewing machine and assistance starting a sewing business out of her home.

Upendo, Mtendere and I worshipped at St. Peter's Cathedral on Likoma Island near Lilongwe today. This Anglican cathedral is the third largest cathedral in central Africa and nearly the same size as Winchester Cathedral in England. The cathedral is constructed of materials from around the world, and soil from Jerusalem was placed under the altar. St. Peter's, which was completed in 1911, is full of elaborate stonework, arches, and stained-glass windows. We climbed the narrow steps to the bell tower and enjoyed a breathtaking view of the island. The service was vibrant, and the joyful choir reminded me so much of St. John's. Malawi is part of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, which also includes Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Please keep this beautiful country and its lovely people in your prayers. So many are in need here, and I am grateful to learn about the work of the United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG). USPG works closely with the church to improve education for girls, protect the environment, and promote hygiene and sanitation. A lack of safe drinking water exists throughout the country, and the problem was made worse by Cyclone Freddy, which devastated parts of Malawi and Mozambique in March. Health officials fear that cyclone will only make the cholera outbreak worse, especially in poorer parts of the country. I will keep you and our St. John's family in my prayers.

Your friend,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15AM Fellowship Hour
10:30 AM Adult Forum

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

MONDAY, JULY 24

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Rector's Day Off

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship Hour
10:30 AM Adult Forum

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

12:00 PM Healing Service

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27

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

Food Pantry donations are always welcome!

Canned items: tuna, chicken, vegetables, black beans, fruit,
pork'n'beans or baked beans, and soup.

Also peanut butter, spaghetti & other pasta, pasta sauce, rice,
tuna or chicken "helpers" (meal kits), and cereal.

*You may place these items in one of the red carts
in the Atrium, Parish Hall, or inside the glass doors*

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM



**Transforming
QUESTIONS**

Transforming Questions helps to build community among those who are seekers and those who are members, those who are questioning for the first time and those who are questioning for the thousandth time. Together we will find that wherever we come from, we share the same questions; together we will discover, not easy answers, but the still, small voice of God, speaking in our very midst.

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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All Baptized Members

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