

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP



SUNDAY, JULY 30TH
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

You Are Welcome Here
Chara

Chris Muglia

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

HYMN 690

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28 (*please be seated*)

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-11, 45B

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
 his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
45b Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (*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 crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

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 & Michael Stank, Debbie Carter, Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kate, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Carmen, Molly, Kevin, Kathy, Colleen, The Rev. Robert Bailey, Sharon Engle, and Rachel Precise; 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 OFFERTORY
Tune: PROSPECT

The Lone Wild Bird

Chara
Marty Haugen

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.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.* **S-125**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*From the Many, Make Us One
As longs the deer*

Chara
HYMN 658

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

God of grace and God of glory

HYMN 594

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare in D Major

Jacques Lemmens

St. John's

YARD GIVE
August 11/12 • 7AM-11AM

PARISH HALL
& AUDITORIUM

DONATION COLLECTION:
JULY 12TH - AUGUST 9TH
WEDNESDAYS 5-7 & SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH

Clothing • Toys • Household Items • Linens

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Volunteers needed! Contact Pam Loose for
more information at ptoose@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,

Greetings from the vibrant, bustling city of San Salvador, El Salvador's capital city. El Salvador is a small country in Central America with a troubled history, yet I am learning about reasons to be hopeful for this country's future. I have enjoyed exploring San Salvador, which is a beautiful city of lush green parks, wide boulevards, and plazas surrounded by hilly terrain. There are grand, historic buildings, such as the National Theater, the National Palace, and museums whose architecture reflect El Salvador's colonial past, as well as more modern structures that house the country's government, corporate, and financial centers. There are also many soccer stadiums, which clearly show El Salvador's love of the game!

Despite this city's many treasures and warm spirit, there are a host of challenges across the country. Gang violence and criminal activity make El Salvador among the most violent in the world, and political instability, repression, corruption, economic uncertainty, poor infrastructure, low literacy rates, and overreach by the security forces are widespread. Many El Salvadorans have risked everything to find safety in other countries, including the United States. Divisions between the haves and have-nots are growing. El Salvador is also among the 20 countries most at risk from natural disasters. I have learned that earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, and droughts are common and add to food insecurity for many people.

The Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador serves as a beacon of hope for many in this country, which in many ways is still recovering from a horrific civil war during 1980-1992. The Church is active in promoting human rights, reconciliation, and peace. The Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador is part of the Anglican Church in Central America, which also includes Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. Formed in 1998, the Anglican Church in Central America has many historic ties to the Episcopal Church in the United States and maintains close relations with many churches in our country today. Learning about the work of Cristosal, an NGO that promotes human rights across El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras has truly inspired me. Cristosal takes a human rights-based approach to community development and poverty reduction and began as a collaboration between Episcopal clergy in the United States and El Salvador. Other Episcopal churches in the United States have supported a seminary in El Salvador that opened in 2017 through teaching, fundraising, and building a library for the students. The Anglican Episcopal Church of Salvador also partners with Guatemala and Honduras on the Lovelight Initiative, which ministers to migrants who are suffering from social and economic instability and has created a shelter for LGBT teens who face homelessness and violence.

I will never forget the stories of the people I have met here. Please keep the people of El Salvador in your prayers as they work together for a more hopeful, safer, and prosperous future.

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!**

TUESDAY, JULY 1

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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, AUGUST 3

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Property Committee Meeting
August 10 at 7:00PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Rector's Day Off

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*



Transforming
QUESTIONS

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

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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