

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
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. 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

Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine

J. S. Bach

Jesu, Jesu, Thou art mine! While on earth I live and languish,
Keep me ever only Thine, Thine Alone in joy and anguish.
Living do I make surrender, Nor shall death Thee from me sunder.
All to Thee do I resign: Jesu, Jesu, Thou art mine!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All creatures of our God and King

HYMN 400

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Exodus 3:1-15 (*please be seated*)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C

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.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 (*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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON

MR. DOUG SMITH

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 Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville; and The Anglican Communion.

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, 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, Mike Patrone, Maggie Selviz, Angie Stamm, Kathy Novosel, Kent Strickler, and Maria Sauder; 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

Elegie

Gabriel Faure

Gabriel Urbain Fauré (12 May 1845 – 4 November 1924) was a French composer,
organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his
generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. Among his
best-known works are his Pavane, Requiem, Sicilienne, nocturnes for piano and the
songs "Après un rêve" and "Clair de lune". Although his best-known and most accessible
compositions are generally his earlier ones, Fauré composed many of his most highly
regarded works in his later years, in a more harmonically and melodically complex style.

PRESENTATION HYMN

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

HYMN 410 vs. 1

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 *Precious Lord, take my hand*
 Lord, you give the great commission

WLP 800
WLP 780

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

The God of Abraham praise

HYMN 401

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Ye Shall Go Out with Joy

Homer Nearing



SCHEDULE:
WORSHIP AT
8:00 AM & 10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL
AGES AT 9:15 AM
J2A CLASS & YOUTH GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING!



**HOMECOMING
SUNDAY**



**SEPTEMBER 10,
2023**

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,

I thought I'd write this week and explain a bit about my world-wide travel planning. I'm visiting the various churches and countries as they are included in the Prayers of the People each Sunday. The Anglican Church is organized into 42 Provinces and another 5 groupings of churches that are called Extra-Provincials. Each province is led by a presiding bishop. Each province includes several or many dioceses, each led by a bishop. The Episcopal Church in America is one of the 42 provinces, with the presiding bishop being the Most Reverend Michael Curry. (And prayers of good care to him as he prepares for his upcoming surgery this week!) It includes Episcopal churches all throughout the United States, and you'll recognize the names of some of the dioceses. For instance, you know that St. John's is part of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. There are 4 other dioceses in Pennsylvania. Can you name them?

Some states have only one diocese, but some dioceses are not defined by state boundaries. We are family with the diocese of the Navajo Land Mission, based in New Mexico, and the diocese for Episcopal Federal and Armed Services Ministries. And you know what? The Episcopal Church also includes churches in Colombia, Honduras, Venezuela and several other nations. We are a very diverse family!

As I travel I try to meet as many people as I can in these diverse parts of the country and the world. I share your stories with them, and love to share their stories with you. People everywhere are just people. Some are living well, and some are struggling. Something that stands out about being part of the Anglican "Communion" is that we're all in "community." Our diverse and far-flung family members feel your prayers every week, and I hope you feel theirs, too. I am honored to be your correspondent on the road, and hope that my letters bring you a bit closer in spirit to our diverse, far-flung family around the world.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

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

TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15AM Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day – Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:00 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rector's Day Off

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Homecoming Sunday

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

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

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Thank you for your financial and food donations for the Food Pantry. We also need volunteers to help with picking up and putting away our new bulk food purchases once a month coordinated by Paul and Liz West. Food donations of canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce and spaghetti are especially needed right now.

You may place your gifts in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or in one of the red carts located in the Parish Hall or in the lower-level lobby by the elevator.

GLASS FLOWER VASES NEEDED

In an attempt to connect more intentionally with our home-bound friends, we are looking to send our altar flowers after each week's service to those who cannot join us in person. Please consider donating one or more glass flower vases to aid in this endeavor! Vases can be placed on the counter of the Parish Hall Kitchen; any questions can be directed to Anne Labat-Gepert at 269.217.8864—please leave her a message!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up on our website or on the signup sheets in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour or assist in the nursery!

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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