

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**

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## 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

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

### 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!

### ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 pledge cards! To date, 80 members have pledged for a total of \$375,957. Our 2024 goal is \$425,000. If you haven't submitted your card yet, please do so as soon as possible so the vestry can move forward with 2024 plans! Thank YOU for sharing your ABUNDANCE!





**THE FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (*please be seated*)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 100**

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**THE EPISTLE:** Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**      *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*      **HYMN 448**  
*Verses 1 & 3 before the Gospel Reading; Verse 6 after the Gospel Reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when

was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

THE REV. JEN TREMARY

**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: FORM II** *(please kneel as you are able)*

**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); for our Bishops, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; for our clergy, Amanda, Jen, and Stacey; and for our seminarian, Emma; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Ann Marie, Cheryl & Rhoda, Lynn Hayford, and Erin Potts. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray for 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, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*People* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE OFFERTORY** *Now Thanks We All Our God*  
Martin Rinkhard

Johann Cruger  
Grace Hegy

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

**HYMNAL 376, vs. 3**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP 369**

*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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**THE SANCTUS**      *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might*      **HYMNAL S-129**  
*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection,*  
*as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.  
*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. 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. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**      *The eternal gifts of Christ the King  
I come with joy to meet my Lord*

**HYMN 234**  
**HYMN 304**

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant*      In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People*      *We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 366**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

*Festival of Praise*

John Johnson

*"The Lord is coming,  
always coming. When  
you have ears to hear  
and eyes to see, you  
will recognize him at  
any moment of your  
life. Life is Advent; life  
is recognizing the  
coming of the Lord."*

*-Henry Nouwen*



# Advent Event

**When:** Sunday, December 3rd following the 10:15 service

**Where:** Parish Hall

**Who:** Kids of all ages! This is an intergenerational event!

**Why:** Preparing for Advent is a spiritual practice that helps us enter into the season with open hearts as we anticipate the arrival of Christ!

**What:**

Make an Advent Wreath (\$12)

Write Christmas Cards to Parishioners

Decorate Cookies

Pack Care Packages for College Students or Just Hang Out!

\*Please sign up in the Parish Hall  
Contact Sue Dodge with questions!\*

### **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,

Did you know that there are more than 100 different languages spoken here in Nigeria? It's best that I simply say "hello," and greetings from St. Michael's Anglican Cathedral in Aba, in the southern part of the country. You would love the music here, and the children would love the football / soccer as it's known in America. As we've discussed before, much of Africa has European influences from the times of colonization, and one of those influences is football. Nigeria is crazy for kicking the round ball around. The premiere team here in Aba is Enyimba F.C., and their logo is an elephant. Where the national symbol of America is a bald eagle, the elephant here represents strength, steadfastness, and reliability. The team is known as the People's Elephant!

The Anglican Church strives to represent strength, steadfastness, and reliability, too, staying true to God's holy word as expressed in the historic faith, doctrine, and sacraments of the church. The Cathedral worships from the Revised Common Lectionary, and so today they too are hearing the gospel story from Matthew of God separating the sheep from the goats, those who have done right and those who haven't. This passage has important meanings for the people of the Anglican Church of Nigeria as they hold beliefs in God's will that reject those of some of the other Anglican and Episcopal provinces. Theologians have debated the meanings of Jesus' teachings and God's will since, well since before they were first written, and that continues today. Some here believe they are God's sheep and others are the goats, but yet we try to remain as brothers and sisters of the same family, with respect and love. I pray that we will all recognize each other with respect, and that goats are honored just as are sheep.

On this Thanksgiving weekend I give thanks for the worldwide communion of faith that we share, and send you wishes for a warm, healthy, and love-filled holiday.

Blessings always,

-- John Traveler.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

**TODAY**

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

12:00 PM Healing Service  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM J2A Class

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

*Rector's Day Off*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
11:30 AM Advent Event

**THE TREE THAT WAS** - A large sycamore tree located along Chestnut St. was removed several weeks ago. What is left is a large stump. You can estimate the age of that tree by looking at the cut surface of the stump. How old do you believe that tree was? A contest!

A box has been prepared along with small orange tags to record your name and guess. Only one tag per person. Find the box on the counter ledge in the parish house. Be sure to record your guess by TODAY! Winners will be revealed in early December.

**WREATH SALE** - Pick up will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3 in the All Purpose Room.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS** – On Sunday, December 10 from 3-6 p.m., St. John's will be hosting a Christmas party for some Fulton Elementary students! Our celebration will include photos with Santa, a Christmas craft, gifts, and dinner **and we need your help!** If you would like to volunteer to help with the party, please email John Knouse at johnknouse@hotmail.com!

## **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**

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon  
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## **VESTRY**

Mary Waskowicz (Senior Warden), Leslie Morgan (Junior Warden),  
Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, John Modene  
Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

## **DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Drew Dorgan, Webb Cook,  
David Rutledge, Heather Trenary, Sue Heilman

## **STAFF**

Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications  
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper  
John Knouse, Property Manager  
Stephanie Cabrera, Custodian  
Ellia Osofsky, Nursery Care

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