

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
WITH THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS



NOVEMBER 5TH AT 9:00 A.M.

Following our worship service this morning, everyone is invited to join us for our all-parish breakfast and Annual Meeting. We look forward to celebrating the ministries of the past year and electing our newest vestry members!

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 for your generosity as we live into the Abundance of Community, Compassion, and Justice through the mission and ministry of St. John's! Your pledge is testimony to the faith that resides within this community and the possibilities to build God's kingdom right here and now by sharing our abundance!

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

PRELUDE

*Going Home
From the New World*

Antonin Dvorak

OPENING HYMN

For all the saints

HYMN 287 (vs. 1-4)

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)*

BCP 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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

HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17 (*please be seated*)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10,22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Rise up, ye saints of God

HYMN 551

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (*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.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we pray to the Lord, saying,
O Lord our God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working for good in your world. O Lord our God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace. O Lord our God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for this community. Make your home among us; dwell with us in this place. Let it be a city of heavenly peace, a place of refuge for all. O Lord our God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones. Soothe those who are suffering; comfort those who mourn. Let us be glad and rejoice in the gift of your salvation. O Lord our God,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant As you have sustained your saints through centuries of service, keep us faithful, here and now, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven; in Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The clergy asperges the people with holy water.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord 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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory
of Stefan Latshaw, Jr by the Latshaw family.*

THE OFFERTORY

*Sizohamba Naye
We will walk with God
Rich Garon, Sue Heilman; Percussion*

Terry Taylor

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

HYMN 380, vs. 3

Today, as we gather around God's holy table, we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and who share in the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for us all. We remember Walter Rosenfeld, Suzanne Ail, Louise McGinnis, Richard Rohrer, Donna Schnee, Alice Simpson, and Tiny Nolan.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

WLP 858

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many 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.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and 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. 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

I sing a song of the saints of God

HYMN 293

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

Go on your way rejoicing; Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall, In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving. The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and ever more. *Amen!*

CLOSING HYMN

Ye holy angels bright

HYMN 625

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

God be with you till we meet again

Traditional

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

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:

Saludos Pastora Amanda,

Greetings from Sayulita, Mexico! You may have heard of hurricane Otis that blew into Acapulco and caused so much damage there. Please continue to pray for our friends and neighbors to the south of here as they recover from that storm. La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico is about the same age as St. John's! Mexico is primarily a Roman Catholic country, but several acts in the mid 1800's officially separated the Church from the Government and created an environment that allowed more freedom of worship. It may have been a benefit that Anglican and Episcopal worship services share some similarities to Roman Catholic liturgies but, for whatever reasons, the Anglican Church here continues to provide a strong and welcoming spiritual home to many Christians here in Mexico.

It's such a wonderful time to be here and join in el Dia de los Muertos festivities. Churches worldwide are celebrating All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day in a variety of traditions. Dia de los Muertos is especially meaningful here as a time to celebrate the joy of family and friends who have lived before us, and now reside in our memories. The family I'm staying with has built a shrine - an ofrenda - to their Papa. It includes favorite photos of him and some of the things he enjoyed the most during his lifetime: favorite foods, a hat he always wore, even after they all said it was worn out!, his surfboard, and a bottle of beer. These are circled by fragrant orange marigolds because it's believed their bright color and strong perfume attract their Papa's spirit and will bring him to the ofrenda, even though it's just for a day. Some families gather and walk to the cemetery, where they'll picnic, tell stories about their ancestors, and sing the songs of legends. The days conclude with fabulous nighttime parades of lights and colors and banners and costumes and music. Even the police and emergency medical personnel paint their faces like the candy skulls that you've probably seen. This is very different than American Halloween, and is a love-filled celebration of souls. It's focused on reigniting strong connections to the spirits of family who have gone on ahead. It's a time for remembering the joys of life. May we all remember, and be remembered by, those that we love.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
10:15 AM Parish Wide Breakfast
10:45 AM Annual Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

4:30 PM TLC Gathering
5:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Ministries Council
6:00 PM Daughters of the King

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Election Day Bake Sale

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Holiday Bazaar!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Holiday Bazaar!

Coffee Hour to follow each service

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



YOUTH WREATH SALE

It's time to place your order for your holiday greens to support the St. John's youth! The wreaths and greens supplied by Good Harvest Farms are always fresh and beautiful! You can drop off your completed order forms at St. John's anytime before **Sunday, Nov 19th**. You can also email your orders to Karen at karen.dipace@gmail.com Forms can be found in the back of the church and on our website: www.stjohns-lancaster.org All checks can be payable to St. John's with "youth wreath sale" in the memo line. Pick up will be **Sunday, December 3!**

VESTRY NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2026



DREW DORGAN

I was baptized at St. John's and married at St. John's. I served at St. John's for years as a Sunday school teacher, a youth leader, and on the Stewardship committee. I helped Art Lord publish a history of St. John's and have helped with various communications committees. On the Diocesan level, I served on the Standing Committee and am currently on the Diocesan Reunification Discernment Committee. Disappointingly, my gifts surveys always come back with administrative gifts instead of singing or making beautiful things. But alas, I would still like to put those skills to work on Vestry!



PENN GLAZIER

I have been a member of St. John's since 1986. I have worked with youth, taught Sunday school, and am still singing in the choir. I am originally from Washington, D.C. In addition to music, I enjoy riding a bicycle, and hanging out with horses, dogs, and cats. I am married to Mary Hendricks Glazier. Our son is James Hendricks Glazier.



GRETCHEN WALDEN

I felt at home at St. John's from my first visit here in 2014. A cradle-Episcopalian and empty-nester, I moved to Lancaster in 2016 and have served St. John's on Altar Guild and as a Reader and have dabbled in Eagle's Nest, Food Pantry, Coffee Hour leadership, Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sales; searching for my place. Vestry is the ministry that keeps calling and calling; so this time I'm going to answer. Thank you for this new opportunity.

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

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VESTRY

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Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

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

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Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications
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