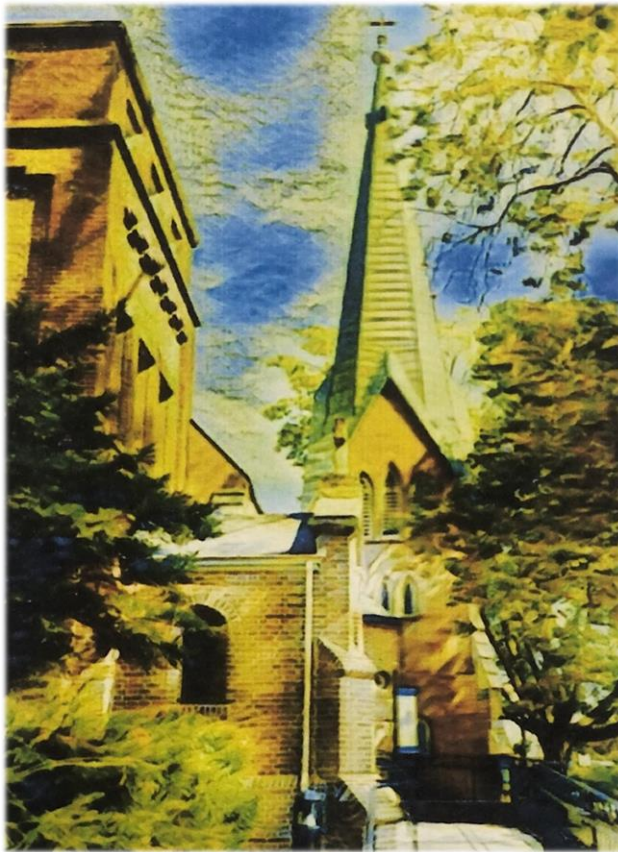


**THE THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JANUARY 21st AT 10:15 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

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 Parish Hall. 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, 104 members have pledged for a total of \$425,988. Our original goal for 2024 was \$425,000, so we have hit the original budgeted goal!!! Thank you for your generosity as we enter this new year of hope and possibility! If you haven't submitted a pledge yet, please know your gift still greatly matters. There is so much we can do as a community of faith when we all take part in sharing the abundance. Please join us and submit your pledge today!

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.*

INTROIT

Tune by George N. Allen

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand
The Wesley Singers*

Roy Ringwald
Text by Joyce Merman

The melody is credited to Dorsey, drawn extensively from the 1844 hymn tune, "Maitland". "Maitland" is often attributed to American composer George N. Allen (1812–1877), but the earliest known source (Plymouth Collection, 1855) shows that Allen was the author/adaptor of the text "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," not the composer of the tune, and the tune itself was printed without attribution for many years. "Maitland" is also sometimes attributed to The Oberlin Social and Sabbath School Hymn Book, which Allen edited, but this collection does not contain music. This tune originally appeared in hymnals and tune books as "Cross and Crown"; the name "Maitland" appears as early as 1868. Dorsey said that he had heard Blind Connie Williamssing his version of this song with "Precious Lord" and used it as inspiration. Dorsey wrote "Precious Lord" in response to his inconsolable bereavement at the death of his wife, Nettie Harper, in childbirth, and his infant son in August 1932. "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" was first published in 1938, and is published in more than 40 languages.

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

HYMN 460

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

Celebrant

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

Gloria in excelsis

HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MONASTIC ORDERS AND VOCATIONS

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (*please be seated*)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
 God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
 pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
 even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
 all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
 in robbery take no empty pride; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
 that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
 for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Just as I am

HYMN 693

Stanzas 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Stanzas 4-6 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

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 III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. Andrew's, State College; and The Church of South India;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; We pray for all your children caught in war and violence and pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and throughout the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Ann Marie, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, David O'Dell, Tina, Susan Yoshihara, Willa Vealey, Maria Sauder, Paula Wolf, and Charlie.

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.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant 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.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Come Down, O Love Divine" is a Christian hymn usually sung for the festival of Pentecost. It makes reference to the descent of the Holy Spirit as an invocation to God to come to into the soul of the believer. The text originated as an Italian poem, "Discendi amor santo" by the medieval mystic poet Bianco da Siena (1350-1399). The poem appeared in the 1851 collection *Laudi Spirituali del Bianco da Siena of Telesforo Bini*, and in 1861, the Anglo-Irish clergyman and writer Richard Frederick Littledale translated it into English. The first publication of the English version was in Littledale's 1867 hymnbook, *The People's Hymnal*. For the hymn's publication in The English Hymnal of 1906, the hymnal's editor Ralph Vaughan Williams composed a tune, "Down Ampney", which he named after the Gloucestershire village of his birth. This publication established the hymn's widespread popularity. When Vaughan Williams died in 1958, "Come Down, O Love Divine" was sung at his funeral in Westminster Abbey as the composer's ashes were ceremonially interred in the Musicians' Corner.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B**BCP 367**

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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* **HYMNAL S-130**
 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

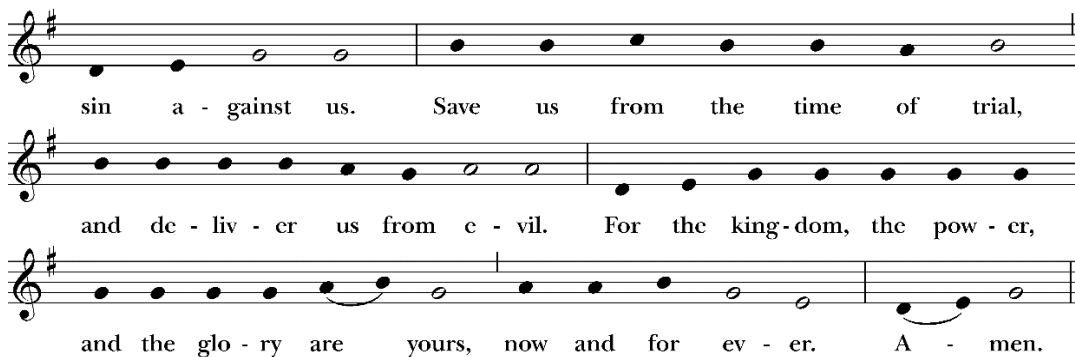
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

*Alleluia, song of gladness
 Lord, we have come at your own invitation*

HYMN 123
HYMN 348

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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the light of Christ's life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, God in us; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Lead on, O King eternal

HYMN 555

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Edward Broughton
Stralsund Gesangbuch

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" is a Christian hymn based on Joachim Neander's German-language hymn "Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren", published in 1680. John Julian in his *A Dictionary of Hymnology* calls the German original "a magnificent hymn of praise to God, perhaps the finest creation of its author, and of the first rank in its class." The melody used by Neander, first published in 1665, exists in many versions and is probably based on a folk tune. The text paraphrases Psalm 103 and Psalm 150.

RELIGIOUS LIFE SUNDAY

Did you know that there are monks, nuns, sisters and brothers, and friars in The Episcopal Church? We invite you to learn what religious life can offer you and to observe Religious Life Sunday on the 3rd Sunday in Epiphany.

What is “Religious Life Sunday”?

General Convention approved resolution 2022-B004, “Foundation of Religious Life Sunday,” to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. On this Sunday, we reach out to Episcopalians to spread the message that monastic and Christian communities exist in The Episcopal Church, who we are, and how to find out what we can offer you.

What are the “religious” communities in The Episcopal Church?

Religious communities in The Episcopal Church include monastic communities, whose members live together under a rule of life and under vows such as poverty, chastity, and obedience. “Religious life” also includes Christian communities whose members are from all walks of life, who live in their own homes and have jobs, and who form unified, vowed communities.

What can religious life do for me and for my faith journey?

In religious life, over the centuries, traditions and practices have been developed to assist spiritual growth and discernment. Religious in the Episcopal Church teach about prayer practices, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, assist in writing and living a rule of life, give presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. Many of our monastic communities offer hospitality for short visits or longer retreats. The website religiouslifesunday.org includes resources, videos, a speakers list, and much more.

How can I connect with a religious community?

We welcome your interest in our lives and our communities! To learn more about monastic communities in The Episcopal Church, visit caroa.net. Form more information on Christian communities, visit naecc.net. For more resources and information, visit religiouslifesunday.org.



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 send you greetings this week from the south of India. There is so much art, food, and movies that come to America from India, but Bollywood films and chicken tikka masala are from the north. The south of India has its own unique and rich culture. I arrived in Chennai, which used to be known as Madras, and Madras is a well known fabric that was developed here in the 1600's by the East India Trading Company. If you wear Madras plaid shirts and blouses in hot Summer weather, you can now remember that they came from here. From Madras I rode a bus to Mysuru as I've wanted to tour the Mysore Palace. It is definitely one of the most elegant palaces I've ever seen. After Mysuru I went further south to Madurai, the City of Temples. The predominant faith in Southern India is Hinduism, and the Meenakshi Amman Temple is a work of art and devotion to important figures in Hinduism. It has 14 towers covered with statues of 1,500 sculptures, all painted in the brightest of colors. Inside the temple are singing columns! When you gently knock them with your hand they each ring out with a different tone. It seems magical, and is truly a spiritual space, so much so that visitors are not allowed to take photos of the inside. I was required to leave my camera outside, and then after my visit I could take pictures from there. My last stop was Periyar National Park, almost to the southern tip of the south of India. This 300 square mile wildlife sanctuary is home to India's largest population of elephants, along with leopards and, of course, monkeys. Bird watchers and butterfly folk flock here, too. After a long day of hiking through the woods and along the river I settled in for a delicious dinner of masala dosa. Think of a crisp crepe folded around spiced potato masala, topped with coconut chutney. I slept so well that night!

On Sunday I will be back in Chennai to worship at the cathedral. The Anglican church here is one of several "united" churches in the Anglican Communion, meaning that it's the result of joining together with other protestant denomination churches. In 1947 this was actually the first such "Episcopal / Non-Episcopal" unification to succeed since the days of the Reformation. It's a testament to the belief that at the Lord's table, all are welcome. I will be praying that someday all will be welcome everywhere the world over.

Blessings to you 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
11:30 AM Adult Forum

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
11:00 AM Lenten Planning Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Rector's Day Off
6:00 PM Vestry Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM Vestry Working Retreat

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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

ADULT FORUM: RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION

Brother David, with the Community of Francis and Clare, will give a presentation at Forum TODAY at 11:30AM. The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be commemorated each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. The purpose of this observance is to share with all Episcopalians the existence of vowed religious orders and Christian communities, their residential and dispersed ways of life, and what resources and support they have to offer. We believe that religious life has something for everyone in the church!

A CASE FOR LOVE - Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4PM or 7PM at Penn Cinema or Regal Manor
A Case for Love" is a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. It explores the idea that the personal practice of unselfish love has the power to positively transform each of us, those around us, and by extension, the world.

DATE CHANGE: "PEACEMAKING INITIATIVES IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL"

You are invited to hear Jonathan Kuttub, Palestinian lawyer and peace activist, speak on "Peacemaking Initiatives in Palestine/Israel" on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Akron Mennonite Church, 1131 Diamond St, Akron, PA.

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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