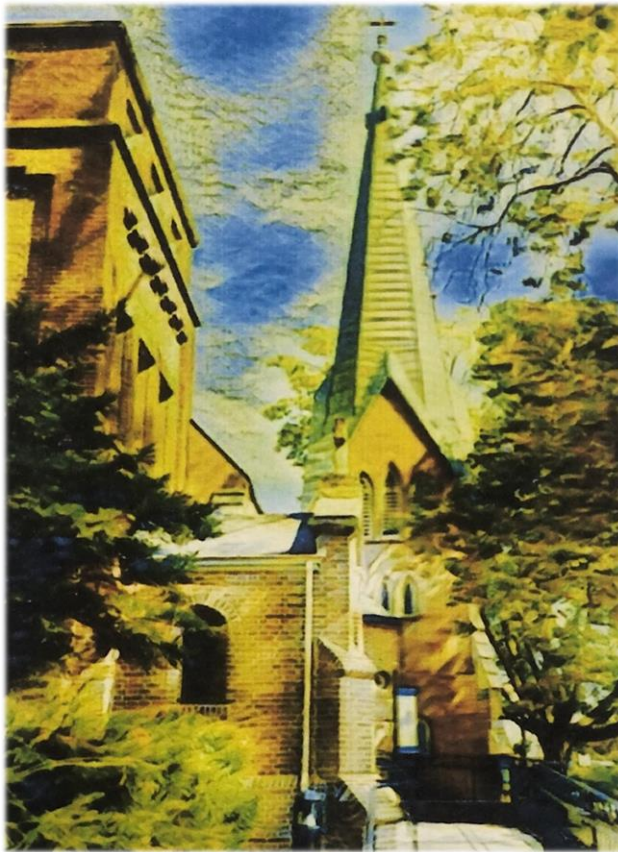


**THE LAST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
FEBRUARY 11TH 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, 105 members have pledged for a total of \$427,188. 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.*

PRELUDE

Fanfare & Meditation on “Llanfair”

Lani Smith
Tune by Robert Williams

Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, or Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll (Welsh: [lan.ˌvair.puɫˈɡwɪŋ.ɡɨ]), is a large village and community on the Isle of Anglesey, Wales. It is located on the Menai Strait, next to the Britannia Bridge. At the 2011 Census the population was 3,107, of whom 71% could speak Welsh. It is the sixth largest settlement in the county by population. In some contexts the name of the community is lengthened to Llanfair-pwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch. With 58 characters split into 18 syllables, it is purported to be the longest place name in Europe and the second longest one-word place name in the world.

OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

HYMN 616

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (*please be seated*)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* **HYMN 7**
Stanzas 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Stanza 3 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with

Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 Trinity Episcopal Church, Tyrone; and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan;
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, Ann Marie, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Rich Hartley, Justice Deleo and family, Paula Wolf, Charlie, John Gouveia, Dave, Rich and Karen Garon, Eamon Nelson, Jennifer, Mary Ellen Kilp,

Glenda Broad, Don Doolittle, and Maria Sauder. 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 *I want to walk as a Child of the Light*

Mark Hayes

PRESENTATION HYMN *Earth has many a noble city*

HYMNAL 127, vs. 5

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
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 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

*And now, O Father
Breathe on me, Breath of God*

HYMN 337
HYMN 508

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

Christ upon the mountain peak

HYMN 129

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

March
From the "Occasional Oratorio"

George F. Handel
arr. Franklin Ritter

An Occasional Oratorio (HWV 62) is an oratorio by George Frideric Handel, based upon a libretto by Newburgh Hamilton after the poetry of John Milton and Edmund Spenser. The work was written in the midst of the Jacobite rising of 1745–1746, the attempt to overthrow Handel's patrons – the Hanoverian monarchy under George II – and replace them with a Stuart restoration under Charles Edward Stuart. The Occasional Oratorio is unique among Handel's works which he labelled "oratorio" in that it does not tell a story or contain elements of a drama, but was intended as a defiant and patriotic rallying piece.

LENT MADNESS

Have you ever heard of March Madness? Where a bunch of college basketball teams play each other in a single elimination tournament? Last team standing wins it all? Have you ever thought to yourself hey....you know what would be better? If the same thing happened with the saints of the church until one wins the Golden Halo? No... well an Episcopal Priest by the name of The Rev. Tim Schenck did! Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born.

If studying the saints in a fun new, semi-but-not-really competitive way sounds like something you would like to do this Lent then come learn more on Sunday, February 11th. Heather Trenary will be giving out information, brackets and tutorials about Lent Madness after both Sunday services. No prior experience with brackets necessary. If you are just too excited to wait. Head on over to www.LentMadness.org to start exploring before Sunday.

LENTEN STUDY

WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30-7:00 PM:

FEB. 21, 28, MAR. 6, 13, 20, 27

Simple soup supper followed by discussion of Adam Hamilton's, "Final Word From the Cross"



Father, Forgive Them
Today you will be with me in Paradise
Behold your son...Behold your mother
My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?
I Thirst
It is Finished

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,

This week, the last Sunday after Epiphany, finds me in Africa, specifically in South Sudan. My visit overlapped a courtesy visit by the American Ambassador, Michael Adler, making for a busy week for the office of the Primate.

A quick look at the map shows South Sudan as a landlocked African country, north of Uganda and west of Ethiopia. (though a river runs through it - The White Nile). After years of civil war, South Sudan officially split from Sudan in 2011 though it remains on high alert for violence and cattle raids.

South Sudan is considered to be one of the poorest countries throughout the world which is not initially evident upon arrival to its capital of Juba. A new airport, paved roads, and bustling town feels like a place of prosperity. However, Juba is also the youngest capital in world and the rush to refresh the infrastructure have created a deep division of rich and poor, as well as deep pockets of corruption. Let us pray for the balance of resources for all the people of South Sudan.

I was moved to hear how Juba is a land of "incomers." People coming from rural South Sudan as well as neighboring countries, to seek out riches and opportunity. There are parallels to what we see in our own country though at a different scale of publicity. The people of South Sudan feel forgotten. How often do each of us seek to belong and to be seen? To provide for our families? To not be hungry?

To seek and to be seen. This is our prayer for this young country whose biodiversity abounds in its diverse biomes and yet whose people lack potable water and accessible education.

Peace,
John the Traveler

This is an article from The Guardian you may find of interest.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2023/sep/08/city-of-hope-and-fear-life-in-africas-youngest-capital>

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, FEBRUARY 12

6:00 PM Caring Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
4:00 PM Finance Committee
5:30 PM Pancake Supper
J2A Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

SOLES4SOULS

It is that time of year once again to collect shoes of any type and condition for donation to those around the world who are in need. A collection box for adult and kid size shoes can be found in the Parish Hall--shoe boxes are not needed! If the shoes have laces, they can be tied together, and the others could be rubber banded or put into a bag.

Palm Sunday is the last day for collection, as they are then boxed and shipped on Good Friday morning.

Last year we collected 1644 pairs--let's see if we can break that record!

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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Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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