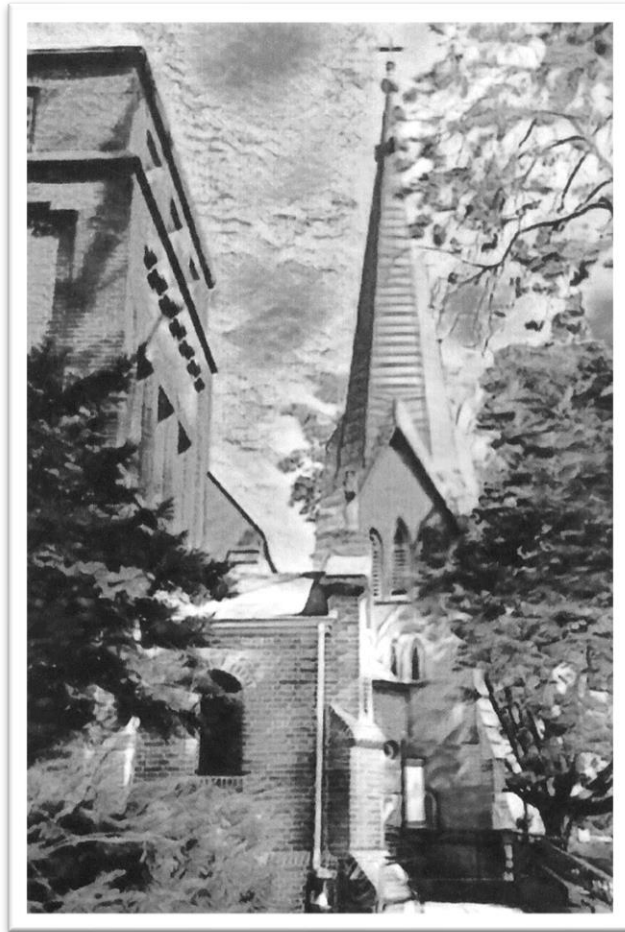


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> AT 9:00 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.

## **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 – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

## **A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

Throughout the summer, we will gather as one for worship each week at 9:00 A.M. For our Sunday worship we will be using Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgy commissioned by the Standing Committee for Liturgy. Enriching our Worship, or EOW, is part of an ongoing process of listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church through the diverse experience of those who gather to worship. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

## **PRIDE MONTH AND WHY IT MATTERS**

Did you know that June is Pride Month? Pride is typically celebrated in the month of June, as that was the month when the Stonewall riots took place. The Stonewall riots were important protests that took place in 1969 in the US, that changed gay rights for a lot of people in America and around the world. Here at St. John's, we will be uplifting this month by holding forums, having a booth at Lancaster Pride, as well as having a Pride Cross of Love where you may add a flower and offer a prayer.

## 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** *Andante con moto* Louis Raffy

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *All hail the power of Jesus' name* **HYMNAL 450**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**GLORIA** *Glory to God* **S-280**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 *(please be seated)*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will

plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM 92:1-4;11-14**

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

### **THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,11-13,14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

*People Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**      *Father, we thank thee who hast planted*      **HYMNAL 302**  
*vs. 1 before the Gospel reading, vs. 2 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 4:26-34 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**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.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. We pray especially for our friends at home 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. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. We pray for Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad, Don Doolittle, Doug Smith, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Brother Donald, Max McAllister & family, Peter Novosel, Selvia, and Maria.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nation's especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and the kingdom. In the diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer we give thanks for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg and The Anglican Church of Chile. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for all the dads in our communities and in our lives. We remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers and coaches – all the

men who reveal your love one day at a time, best as they are able. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You, day by day. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen. (*adapted from a prayer written by The Rev. Chuck Currie*)

At this time, we invite your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession.

*Celebrant* God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.



## COMMISSIONING OF OUR PILGRIMS

On Friday, the following pilgrims will be journeying to Ireland: Sophie Thompson, Greyson Way, Lily Mausolf, Sarah Modene, Campbell Way, Dakota Broyles, Emelia Hale, Fiona Mausolf, Sophia Hale, Joe & April Way, John & Amanda Knouse, Becky & John Modene – please keep each pilgrim in your prayers as they walk the way of wonder...

### **The Path** (*Celtic Blessings: Prayers for Everyday Life* by Ray Simpson)

God bless the path on which you go.  
God bless the earth beneath your feet.  
God bless your destination.  
God be a smooth way before you,  
A guiding star above you,  
A keen eye behind you  
This day, this night, and forever.

God be with you whatever you pass.  
Jesus be with you whatever you climb.  
Spirit be with you wherever you stay.

God be with you at each stop and each sea,  
At each lying down and each rising up,  
In the trough of the waves,  
on the crest of the billows  
each step of the journey you take.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

*Because He Lives*

Bill and Gloria Gaither  
(Penn Glazier, solo)

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**HYMNAL 380 v.3**



As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## THE INVITATION (*from the Iona Community*)

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*What wondrous love  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**HYMNAL 439**  
solo by Penn Glazier

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
*People* We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

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

## CLOSING HYMN

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

**HYMNAL 657**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Sortie*

Louis Raffy

## CHURCH PICNIC

Today's the day! Please join us for our annual parish picnic. We will be at Lancaster County Park, Pavilion #11 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
We hope to see everyone there!

### **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,

It's been nearly a year since I was last in Chile here in South America, and it's just as cold as when I left it last! Because I'm south of the equator, it's currently their winter down here, and you'd think that one of these days I'd choose to come here during their summer. Maybe next time.

Even though it's cold where I am in Puerto Natales, it's wild to think that, because of Chile's long, skinny shape running north to south, you can also check out the Atacama Desert at the northern tip of the country, where it's currently 80 degrees and home to some of the driest place in the world. Some towns in the desert haven't received rain in over four years. Hard to grow anything here – it almost feels like the planet Mars.

Down here in Puerto Natales, however, I'm surrounded by beautiful mountains, but not much else. This area in the far south is known as Tierra del Fuego – the Land of Fire. The closest Anglican Church, which is sort of another way of saying Episcopal Church, is a three hour drive away in Punta Arenas. It's pretty remote, but, like everywhere in Chile, while a church may be far away, a soccer field is never too far away. Last night, they set up a big screen in the main street in town and we all watched the Chilean soccer team's beat Paraguay 3-0. You may think Super Bowl parties were crazy – people here went all out in celebrating the win well into the night.

First thing tomorrow morning, I'm headed into the mountains near Torres del Paine National Park. While it's still cold and snowy out, our guide has prepared us with snowshoes and we plan to gather for a Monday morning service amidst the beauty of mountains and lakes. Google "Torres del Paine" sometime. You won't be disappointed.

As we celebrate the season of Pentecost, I look forward to celebrating with God in the wilderness tomorrow and always and encourage you to do the same! You never know what you might find.

Blessings always,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Annual Church Picnic!!!*

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:00 AM Fellowship Hour  
10:15 AM Adult Forum  
(in All Purpose Room)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

*Juneteenth*

12:00 PM Healing Service

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

*Clergy's Day Off*

11:45 AM Pilgrimage send off!  
*Mulberry St. parking lot*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

**THE PRIDE FESTIVAL AND PRAYER STONES** - A huge thank you to everyone who showed the love by volunteering at this year's Pride Festival. Volunteers shared hugs and encouragement, gave out stickers & tattoos, and offered a safe space for the community's prayers and intentions. The prayer stones you see in the bowl of holy water are an offering of the hearts of those who gathered yesterday and a reminder that God is always present when we lift our voices together in prayer.

**JUNETEENTH** - Please join us on Wednesday, June 19 at noon for a special service celebrating Juneteenth. We will meet in the parish hall for this special healing service with Holy Eucharist.

**POWER PACKS** - Fulton Elementary and St. John's are looking for distribution volunteers to assist with the 24/25 school year Power Pack Program on Wednesdays. Typical distribution times are two hours long sometime between 3 and 6 p.m. Fulton has reach out to St. John's inquiring of our availability to receive the packs, set up distribution, and hand packs to the families assigned to our potential location. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry opportunity, please contact the church office at [office@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:office@stjohns-lancaster.org). Thank you!

**JULY MESSENGER** - There will be no Messenger during the month of July! Please check the bulletins, website, and social media accounts for upcoming events. Articles for the August Messenger should be sent to [office@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:office@stjohns-lancaster.org)

## 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

Drew Dorgan (*Sr. Warden*), John Modene (*Jr. Warden*), Charles Wear (*Treasurer*),  
Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,  
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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

Pam Loose, Webb Cook, Emma Di Pace  
David Rutledge, Maggie Knox-Lee

## STAFF

Mark Herr, Minister of Music  
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper  
John Knouse, Property Manager  
Stephanie Cabrera, Custodian

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