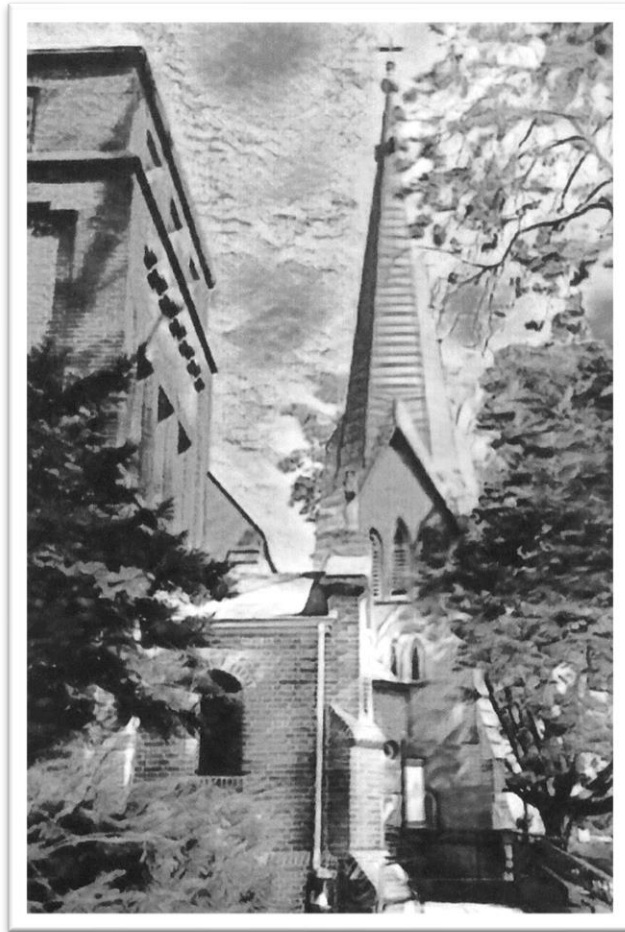


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, July 7<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. Our musical selections come from one of two resources: The 1982 Hymnal (*the red book, the S stands for Service Music, which is found in the front of the hymnal*) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP, which is the green book)*. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

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## 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** *Voluntary in C* William Boyce

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* **HYMNAL 686**

**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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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:** Ezekiel 2:1-5 (*please be seated*)

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*People* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

**THE EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the

flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

People                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
                                    *Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**    *Amazing Grace*    **HYMNAL 671**  
*vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3&4 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 6:1-13 (*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 came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

People                              The Gospel of the Lord.  
                                    *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, Doug Smith, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Liz Kryder Ried, Max McAllister & family, Peter Novosel, Selvia, Maria Sauder, and Paul West.

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 nations, 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. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, and The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. 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.

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.

## **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 OFFERTORY**      *With What Shall I Come Before the Lord*      John Ness Beck

**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**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship: Prayer 1**

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**THE SANCTUS**      *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*      **S-125**  
*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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**

*The Mind of God  
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**SOLO – John Bell  
HYMNAL 708**

## **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**

*Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah*

**HYMNAL 690**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Gavotte*

Samuel Wesley

*Collecting household items, clothing, toys, books*

**COLLECTION: SUNDAYS  
IN JULY AND 1ST WEEK  
OF AUGUST**

**YARD**

**GIVE**

**AUGUST 9 & 10**

**7:00-  
11:00AM**

*Volunteers needed: contact Pam Loose*

**Take What You Need, Give What You Can**

### 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,

“NATURE! It is all over me. Get it off!” Just kidding I couldn't resist quoting Melman the Giraffe when I knew I would be writing from the country of Madagascar. The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean has a membership of over 500,000 as it encompasses eight dioceses across Seychelles, Mauritius, and Madagascar. These three islands in the Indian Ocean, off the southeastern coast of Africa, cover a combined geographical area of 230,223 square kilometers.

Seychelles, the smallest African country, is an archipelago of 115 islands with huge stretches of coral reefs referred to as the “super highway” of reefs. Not surprisingly, the coral reflects the effects of warming oceans and bleaching is evident. What is most interesting though is that in March this tiny country surrounded by massive reefs is the site of first-of-its kind genetic reef study to aid in ocean ecosystem conservation. Since losing nearly 90% of its coral reefs since 1998 due to significant weather patterns, Seychelles is committed to its restoration.

To the south, Mauritius is a beautiful mix of different cultures and faiths influenced by Asia, Europe, and Africa. I found the Anglican Church in this area embraces different cultures of the community and especially strives to be relevant to all of society. There is a theological college and community centers to care for marginalized people, including those living with disabilities, aging residents, and children who have been abandoned. The interfaith dialogue is a blessing to witness and when I had a moment to explore the island, I was amazed at the beauty and diversity of the island. Rainforests, mountains, beaches, and waterfalls have made this visit a delight. I even tried my hand at the ever popular kitesurfing!

Last but not least, though certainly the largest (fourth largest island in the world actually), the volcanic island of the Madagascar is a wonder. More than just a movie title, Madagascar is alive with God's creatures. Lemurs, fossa, and chameleons abound - thankfully, the 13 foot *do*, a “harmless” snake, has not crossed my path. The species that live here though are true survivors as much of the island is eroding due to deforestation to export the valuable lumber of sandlewood, rosewood, and ebony. What a mix of emotions run through me as I continue to discover these lands. Smiling and waving...from the Province of Indian Ocean.

Blessings always,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Lemonade Time  
10:30 AM Adult Forum

### MONDAY, JULY 8

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

12:00 PM Healing Service

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

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

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

*Clergy's Day Off*

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Lemonade Time

**NAME TAGS** – Please remember to wear your name tags! Names tags are a gift of hospitality for those who are new or visiting and for those who have a hard time remembering names! If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please sign the sheet next to the name tag stand.

**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 reached 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) by July 25th.

## 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

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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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