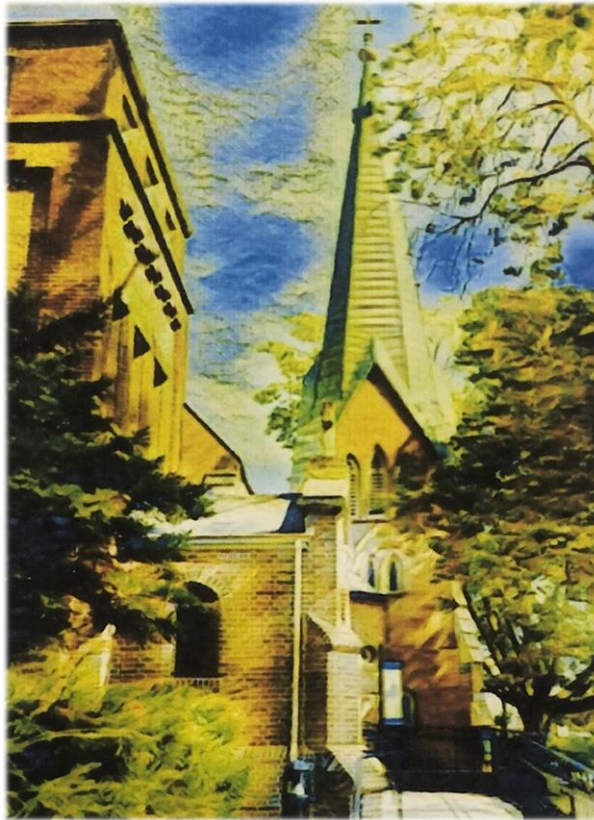


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MASS OF CREATION



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 13TH AT 10:15 A.M.

*As we continue to grow as a parish, a way to offer hospitality is to wear your nametag.
If you do not have a name tag, please let the office know, we would love to get you one!*

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. 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

Our 10:15 a.m. 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.

A word about the “Mass of Creation” which we will use during October and November: Each year, the ecumenical church celebrates the “Season of Creation”, culminating with the Feast of St. Francis, on October 4th. For us, the Blessing of the Animals takes place on that same day. Through the month of October, in our Sunday School classes, Adult Forums, and with the choir in worship, we remember that we are now in a “season of prayer and action” for the “protectors of our common home”. Our worship will be guided by the work of Marty Haugen's “Mass of Creation”, which remembers St. Francis and his ministry and through musical settings of St. Francis' prayer/poem, “All Creatures of our God and King.”

Please stop by the chapel and Atrium to see various icons/artwork of St. Francis.

A special Adult Forum will also take place each Sunday in October at 9:00 a.m. in the All Purpose Room. Please join us! This Sunday, we will celebrate the ministry and witness of our Deacon, The Rev. Sr. Stacey Catigano, CFC as she transitions to new ministries. Sr Stacey will share with us her ministry as a Deacon and a Franciscan.

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 *A Franciscan Pastorale* Franklin D. Ashdown

OPENING HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* **HYMNAL 400** (vs. 4-6)

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

Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence
People that we may behold your power and glory!

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 (*the congregation sings the refrain; the choir sings the verses*)

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (*Refrain*)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (*Refrain*)

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (*Refrain*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:6-7,10-15 (*please be seated for the readings*)

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with

our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Hope of the world

HYMNAL 472

Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3&4 after the gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31 (*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.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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.

O God of life; eternity cannot hold you, nor can our words catch the magnificence of your kindness and love; yet in the space of our hearts and in silence you come close and enliven us.

God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Paul's, Harrisburg and The Episcopal Church of the Philippines.

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 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 we pray for those serving in the Armed Forces.

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, Kent Strickler, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Carmen Velazquez, and Sandy Patrone;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, 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 know your presence.

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.

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.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *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 the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Paul Christiansen

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 II

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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 hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,
as we for-give those who tres - pass a-gainst us; and
lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but 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 365

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

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Gracious Spirit
O for a closer walk with God*

WLP 782
HYMNAL 683

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People *We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

BENEDICTION

Prayer of St. Francis

Helen Litz

THE BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Be thou my vision

HYMNAL 488

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of Christ's warmth and light. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Lasst uns erfreuen

Charles Callahan

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has pilgrims who travel to the places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Traveling just over 2000 miles northwest from Papua New Guinea, I arrived in the Philippines, an archipelagic country in Southeast Asia. (*archipelagic = a cluster of small islands...in the Philippines case, 7,641 islands to be exact!*) The Republic of the Philippines is grouped into three main regions: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Luzon is the most populous region which lies in the north and has the capital city of Manila, its economic and political center. Despite a political system similar to the United States, there have been several attempts to shift the democratic government with republic constitution and presidential system to a parliamentary government. Interestingly, the federal judicial system is made up of a chief justice and fourteen justices (versus nine on the United States Supreme Court).

Pastor Amanda, are you a fan of coconut? Bananas? Pineapple? These are the top exported crops of the Philippines- the most production which is found in the Mindanao region, the southernmost region of the country. However, the overall top exported products to China, U.S., and Japan are circuits, machinery, electrical transformers, insulated wiring, and semiconductors - most impressive for this 115,000 square mile collection of islands.

Not surprisingly, I am visiting during the rainy season which can bring upwards of 200 inches of rain annually in the highly mountainous eastern regions of the country. Typhoon season is nearing its end, although, similar to the ravages of storms at home, water and wind has left its mark on the islands. The Philippines is in the top ten regions impacted by climate change. I remain prayerful (please join me) that there is time and wisdom to make a positive shift for all. The Philippines is a special place with much beauty evident in their cultural values of kinship, loyalty, social harmony, and friendship.

I will end with a quirky observation - as much as we may bemoan the rushing of the American Christmas season, it is not unusual for the season to begin here as early as September 1st with sounds of Christmas music as well as lights and paruls on display! I included a photos of the paruls, a holiday ornamental lanterns made of paper and bamboo. So, I guess Christmas really IS around the corner, depending upon one's corner of the world. "Maligayang pasko!"



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee hour to follow each service

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Adult Forum
(All Purpose Room)
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Office Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 12:00 PM Healing Service
2:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Diocesan Convention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Diocesan Convention

- 9:00 AM Community Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Coffee hour to follow each service

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Adult Forum
(All Purpose Room)
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

VESTRY NOMINEES & DELEGATES: Calling all members! We are currently looking for nominations for the Vestry Class of 2027. If you have a heart for our parish and would like to serve, please let Amanda+, Jen+, our one of our vestry members know! We are also looking for four delegates to next year's diocesan convention. If you'd like to represent St. John's on a diocesan level, see Amanda+.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE: We're moving from Monday evening to Wednesday afternoon. Our group will next meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 2 PM in the parish hall. We've had great discussions and fellowship since we started in May as we've moved through the Old Testament. We're using Judy Fentress William's, "Holy Imagination" as our jumping off point into our discussions, but the most important part of our study is reading the Bible. No need to be a Bible scholar, just a love for the overall message the Bible conveys. For further information contact Rich at rich@richgaron.com.

FALL CLEANUP AT THE BETTY FINNEY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – noon for a parish work morning. We'll be preparing the gardens for winter and cleaning up around the park!

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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