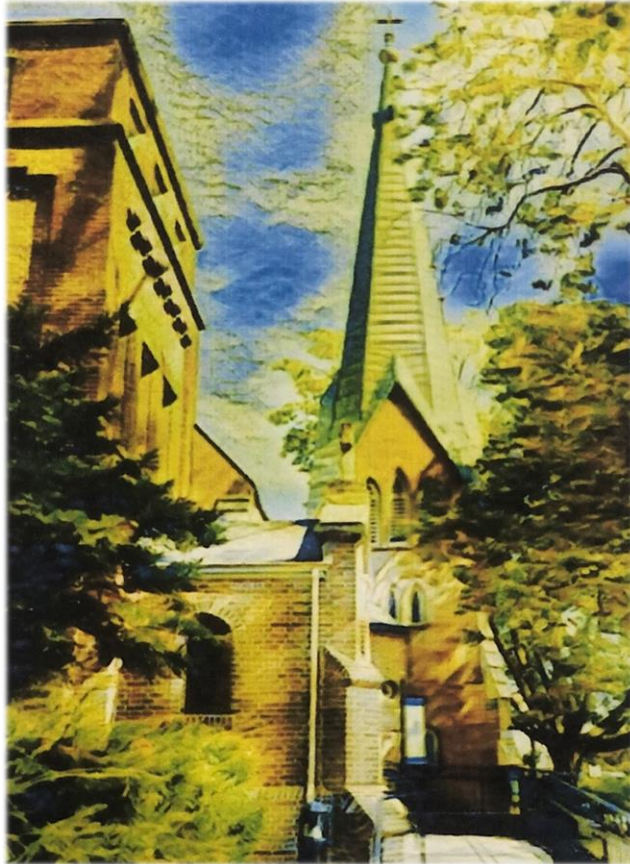


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MASS OF CREATION



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 6TH 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.

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.”

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Praeludium on Blessed Jesus, We are Here

Paul Fey

OPENING HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

HYMNAL 490

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 light and warmth of Jesus Christ be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, you brought us from the rest of last night to the new light of this day. Bring us to the guiding light of the eternal. Lead us, O God, on the journey of justice. Guide us, O God, on the pathways of peace. Renew us, O God, by the wellsprings of grace. Today, tomorrow, and forever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5 (*please be seated for the readings*)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

 the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

 Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-6

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *Love divine, all Loves excelling* **HYMNAL 657**
Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3 after the gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:34-40 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

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

SERMON & SPECIAL BLESSING

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

BCP 387

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 light and love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg; St. Mark's, Lewistown; and The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea;

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 who work to reveal your warmth and light, 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 loving 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.

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.*

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.*

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 SENTENCE

Come, Lord Jesus, you kindled faith when lamps were low; you opened scriptures, broke the bread and shed your light as darkness fell. Come, Lord Jesus, meet us here.

THE OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

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

*All things bright and beautiful
My song is love unknown*

HYMNAL 405
HYMNAL 458

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 *(from the Celtic tradition)*

May the blessing of light be on us, light without and light within. May the blessed sun shine on us and warm each heart till it glows like a great fire, so that strangers and friends may come in and warm themselves. And may the light shine out from our eyes, like a candle set in the windows of a house; 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

All creatures of our God and King

HYMNAL 400
(verses 1-3)

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

Alleluia

William Faulkes

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has pilgrims who travel each week 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,

I have arrived in PAPUA NEW GUINEA, my friend! Admittedly, from a young age, I was fond of Papua New Guinea...for its name alone. I was a guinea pig fanatic, having five guinnies (Snipper, Twiggy, Ziggy, Blanche, and Petra) over seven years. Naturally, I felt a bond to the country that shared its name with my squeaky, tailless pets. So imagine when I get to discover an even grander connection to this country.

Located within the Oceania region, just north of Australia, the independent commonwealth of Papua New Guinea is the eastern half of the island of New Guinea. Approximately the size of California, the population is around 10 million. The most remarkable aspect is that it is home to more than 7,000 different cultures -many with a distinct language. PNG is the most linguistically diverse country in the world with over 840 spoken languages. In a time with so much emphasis on differences, PNG Council of Churches have recently come together to request intentional collaboration with the government to address the areas of health, education, Gender-Based Violence, Sorcery-Accusation-Related Violence, climate change, peace building, and community resilience.

Eighty percent of the PNG inhabitants live in rural areas as subsistence farmers, with forty percent of this population living below the international poverty line. The majority of the rural area lack basic infrastructure such as clean water, electricity as well as access to education and healthcare. Sadly, PNG placed 160 out of 161 countries in terms of gender equality. Women and girls have significantly lower status than boys and men, particularly in these rural areas where cultural practices are predominantly traditional. This disparity also impacts the absence of education and healthcare for women along with one of the highest rate of violence against women.

However, perhaps the beauty lies in PNG's differences- the natural habitat and biodiversity rivals the country's cultural diversity. What do you get when you cross a kangaroo and a lemur? A native species of the island's rainforest...a tree kangaroo. Interestingly, the Fly River and Sepik River are among the world's largest and most biologically diverse river systems, supporting both human and animal life. Certainly, a nod to Psalm 8:8-10:



*All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air; the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O LORD Our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 PM Ministries Council
7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 AM Funeral for Thomas
Hartman
1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
4:00 PM Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:30 PM Adult Forum
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
1:00 PM Clergy Council
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:30 PM Convocation Meeting
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Clergy Day Off

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Coffee hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 ADULT FORUM TOPIC: "REBUILD MY CHURCH"

As the sanctuary at St. John's re-opens after months of closure due to construction, we remember God's message to Francis during his time of conversion when God spoke to Francis and told him to "Rebuild my Church". Br David Rutledge, CFC will share the story of the beginning of the Franciscan Movement. Adult Forum is held in the All Purpose Room on Sunday at 9:00 throughout the month of October!

Give Thanks

Please join us on October 13th for a special coffee hour and celebration as we give thanks for Deacon Stacey and James!

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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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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