

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**APRIL 6, 2025 AT 10:15 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. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. Thank you for being here!

### A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

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## St. John's Food Pantry and Blessings Box Ministries

# Preparing with Hope

**Week 6**  
**Sunday, April 13**  
**Collection**

**Food Pantry**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Cans or Plastic Jars**  
**24-28 oz Size**



**Blessings Box**  
**Snack Items**  
**Individually Wrapped**



## 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**                      *Rhosymedre (My Song is Love Unknown)*                      Gilbert M. Martin

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*                      **HYMNAL 398**

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

*Officiant*              Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                      *His mercy endures for ever.*

**THE DECALOGUE** (*please kneel as you are able*)                      **BCP 350**

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

## 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE KYRIE

**HYMNAL S-89**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:** Isaiah 43:16-21 (*please be seated*)

Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
    the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 126** (*chanted by the choir*)



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**THE EPISTLE:** Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*vs. 1&2 before the Gospel Reading, vs. 4&5 after the Gospel Reading***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 12:1-8 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

**THE NICENE CREED** (*please rise in body or spirit*)**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. (*pause*)  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*please kneel as you are able*)

**BCP 389**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, All Saints, Williamsport; Christ Church, Milton; and The Anglican Church of Chile, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our own Bishop; Amanda, our priest; Emma, our seminarian, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*



For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke, that we may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially Pat Pankey, Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew, Denise Chandler, Carol, Sandy, Virginia, Kim, Bonnie, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Carol Greenfield, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *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

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Edwin Childs

**PRESENTATION HYMN**   *As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,  
                                  so teach us, gracious Lord,  
                                  to die to self, and chiefly live  
                                  by thy most holy word.*

**HYMN 142 (vs. 3)**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**HYMN S-124**

*(During Lent, it is customary to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**BCP 365**

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

## 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. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!*

**COMMUNION HYMNS** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*  
*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

**HYMNAL 675**  
**HYMNAL 610**

## 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.

## THE BLESSING

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we journey through these forty days. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Eternal Lord of Love*

**HYMNAL 149**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in e Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

### **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:


Saludos Pastor Amanda,

I know it's Springtime in Lancaster. It's the beginning of Fall here in Valparaiso on the coastline of Chile. Chile: so much to see and write about. Such a beautiful and far-off land! You may know that this is a long and skinny country that hugs the west coast of lower South America. Arid desert in the north, temperate rolling green hills in the midsection where I am, and the southern tip is the gateway to Antarctica. Do you have a jacket made by Patagonia? The mountains on their logo are based on Mount Fitz Roy (Cerro Chalten) on the eastern border between Chile and Argentina. Yvon Chouinard chose that name and logo to evoke the vision of being in a beautiful and far-off land. This is indeed it.

Valparaiso is beautiful, and far-off from Lancaster, but shares some similarities. St. Paul's Cathedral is the oldest Anglican church in Chile, and is about the same age as St. John's. It was built in 1858, just five years after St. John's. You had a fire that destroyed much of the sanctuary, and St. Paul's was almost destroyed by an earthquake in 1906. Sadly that was a few short years after a grand organ was shipped from England and installed to honor Queen Victoria. 1,604 pipes! It was severely damaged in that earthquake, and the good people here were only able to nurse it and the rest of the building itself along for about 80 years until they were finally able to fully restore it. Now for the past 30 years the church is opened every Sunday afternoon for a free concert played on this amazing instrument. They say that music saved St. Paul's. Music can certainly save a soul, and this church and its organ represent the soul of the people here.

As you listen to the music of St. John's I hope you'll think of music rising up out of every congregation, here, there, and everywhere. Music can bring us together, make us one, and it can take us to a beautiful place that may be far-off from the troubles of the day. I'll look for you in that beautiful place in my prayers.

Blessings Always,  
John Traveler



# Holy Week

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Palm Sunday - April 13**

8:00 AM - Liturgy of the Palms with Holy Eucharist (spoken)

10:15 AM - Festive Palm Procession with Holy Eucharist and Choir

### **Holy Wednesday - April 16**

12:00 PM - Healing Prayers with Holy Eucharist

### **Maundy Thursday - April 17**

7:00 PM - Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

9:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Vigil

### **Good Friday - April 18**

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM - The Passion, Prayers, and Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

### **Easter Morning - April 20**

6:30 AM - Easter Sunrise Service at the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden

8:30 AM - Festive Choral Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

9:30 AM - Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch

11:00 AM - Holy Baptism with Festive Choral Eucharist and Brass

## 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

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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## VESTRY

Drew Dorgan (*Sr. Warden*), Charles Wear (*Treasurer*), Ted Loose (*Jr. Warden*), Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Liz West, Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

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