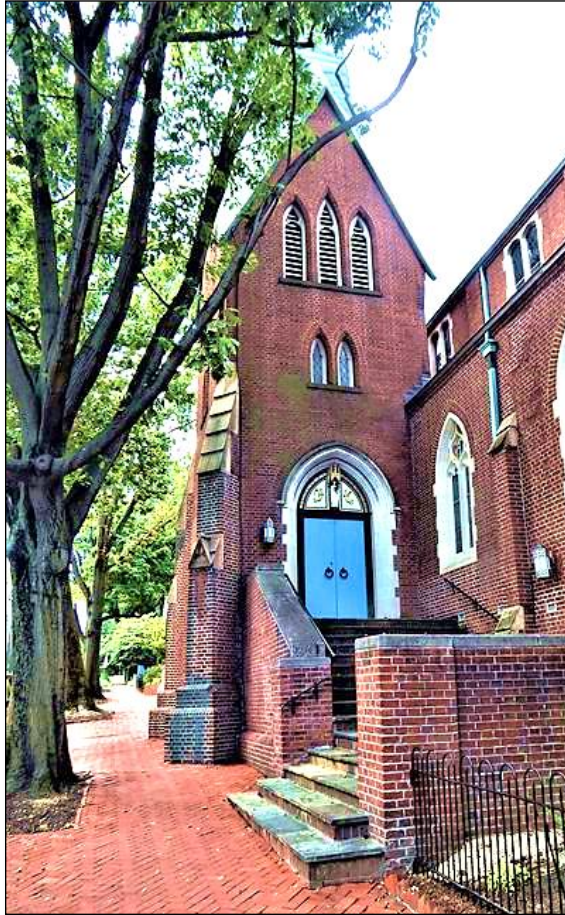


# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
JUNE 8, 2025 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. 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**

During the summer months, we worship as one congregation with a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. 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 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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## 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** *Komm, Heiliger Geist* Dietrich Buxtehude

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *O Day of Radiant Gladness* **HYMNAL 48**

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

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to You* **HYMNAL S-236**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 *(please be seated for the readings)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 104:25-35,37**

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## **THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 8:14-17**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

**HYMNAL 516**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:8-17, 25-27 (*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.*

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

DR. JOE PRITCHETT

**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: Form III**

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church, Berwick, and The Anglican Church of

Melanesia;  
*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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Joe, our pastors; 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 Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and 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 Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Sandy, Marshall, Bonnie, Wade Hinkle, Heidi, Danny and Kenneth, Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler, Shannon & family, Jesse Rutledge, Lainey Jane & family and Sergei.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

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.*

## THE PEACE

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



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Mae Akers

### 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: 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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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-129**

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* 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. 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 MUSIC

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song  
Gracious Spirit, Give Us Your Servants*

**HYMNAL 513  
WLP 782**

## 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**

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

**WLP 751**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

**POSTLUDE**      *O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath (Komm, Gott Schoepfer)*

**J.S. Bach**

### **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 Pastors Amanda and Joe,

I've just come in from surfing the crystal blue waters of the Toi reef at sunrise, and am writing to you from the beach on Malaita in the Solomon Islands. Malaita is one of about a thousand islands (seriously) that make up the region we call Melanesia. Many islands are surrounded by underwater coral reefs that provide excellent habitat for sea life, and epic waves for surfing. Toi is actually about 2 kilometers away from the beach, so it's a swim to get out to it, but this is a welcome respite from travel in some of the world's war-torn countries. (By the way, did you hear that Lee Jae-myung won South Korea's presidential election that I wrote about last week?) These islands are loved for their biodiversity of fish, birds, lush and flowering plants, and critters of all sizes. The plants that grow wild or have been turned into crops are especially nutritious. A staple here is poi, which is taro root that's been turned into a paste, sort of like a south pacific peanut butter. You can also find plenty of poi in Hawaii, but be sure to get it fresh from a market rather than the canned stuff sold as souvenirs for the tourists to take home in their suitcases.

The population is about 90% Christian, with a good third of that being Anglican. Church tradition, as well as native traditions and legends, run deep in local culture, and one of the local legends is of the Giants of the Solomon Islands. Native folk have told those stories for generations, and even both Japanese and American soldiers reported seeing red haired giants in the inland woods while they were here during World War II. Church tradition permeates daily life, and the church here is an active member in the Southern Cross division of the Anglican Communion.

You'll be reading this on Pentecost, which is a significant holy day here for all families. So many children! Almost half of the total population here is under the age of 19. I'm expecting lots of fun and colorful outfits in church as we pray the same prayers as you, in many different languages. Different languages, different tongues, the world over, all proclaiming faith in the risen Jesus. Happy Pentecost.

Blessings Always,  
John the Traveler



*By the Grace of God,*

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan  
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Will Ordain

*Joseph Edward Pritchett*

Among the 2025 Class of Ordinands

To The Sacred Order of Deacons  
In Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
At 10 o'clock in the morning

At  
*St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral*  
221 North Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Your prayers are requested.  
Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stole).  
Reception will follow.

If you are unable to attend, the service will be available via livestream.

<https://www.facebook.com/saint.stephens.cathedral>

To RSVP, please email [jepritch4@gmail.com](mailto:jepritch4@gmail.com)

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

### **TODAY**

*Lemonade Time to follow Worship!*

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

12:00 PM HEI with Healing

2:00 PM Men's Bible Study

4:00 PM Finance Class (Citizen's  
Money Essentials)

7:00 PM Pride Prayer Service

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

2:30 PM Food Pantry

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

12:30 PM Citizen's Climate Lobby Group

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 15**

*Lemonade Time to follow Worship!*

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST NEED!**

The Community Breakfast Crew will be collecting sunscreen and hats (baseball hats, bucket hats) to hand out at breakfast this summer. Please consider purchasing SPF 50 and over. Contact Jess Eccles at [jessicalp10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalp10@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **PRIDE PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY June 11th**

Please join TLC (St Johns LGBTQIA+ affirming ministry) for a non-denominational community prayer service celebrating Pride month this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the courtyard. A casual meal will follow in the Multipurpose room. People of all or no faith traditions are welcome!

Questions? See Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky 717-341-9735

### **LANCASTER PRIDE SATURDAY JUNE 28th**

It's St John's 4th year supporting and welcoming our LGBTQIA+ siblings at Lancaster Pride! Want to staff a shift at our table? Details and sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/StJohnsLancasterPride>

Or select and click "Pride Signup!" in the Messenger.

Questions? See Maria Weaver-Hollowniczky 717-341-9735

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

## **OUR MINISTERS**

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Liz West, Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden,  
Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

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