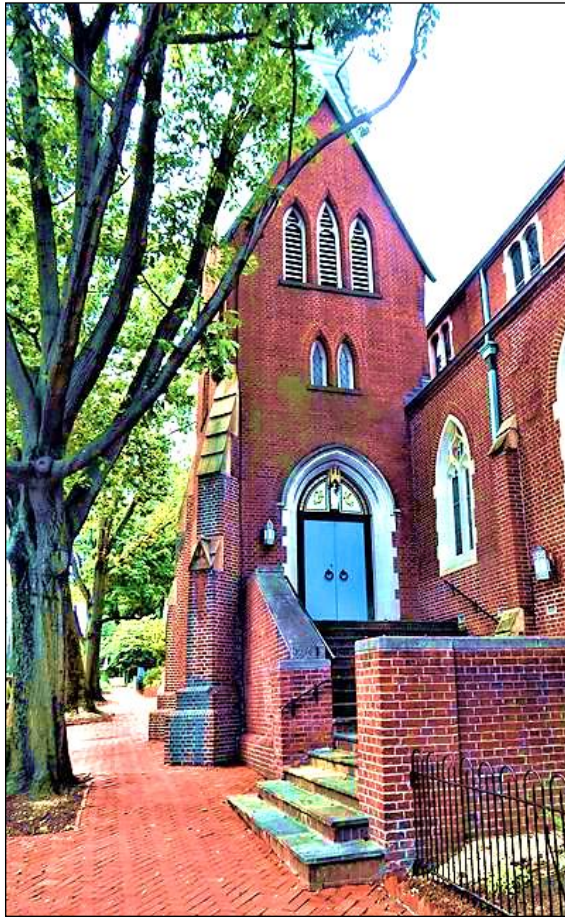


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
AUGUST 31, 2025 AT 9:00 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. 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.

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 by noon on Wednesday.*

PRELUDE *Partita on Hymn to Joy* Charles Callahan

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **HYMNAL 376**

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

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA *Glory to God* **HYMNAL S-278**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 2:4-13 *(please be seated for the readings)*

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?
They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"
I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

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

PSALM 81:1,10-16

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1,7-14 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

SERMON

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 IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Bangor Episcopal Church, Churchtown, The Church of South India and Grace Church, Allentown, our “sibling parish”.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons. Especially remembering Amanda, our Rector, during her time of sabbatical.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our president; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our friends at home; we pray for Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Peggy Zuke, Peggy Buscher and Theresa Sullivan. Grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Sandra Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Shirley Parmer, Erin Heintzinger, Phyllis Shearer, Ellen Keller, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Bonnie, Danny, Kenneth, Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler, Shannon and family, Lainey Jane and family, Sergei, Eamon Nelson, Pastor Russell, Jeanne Paul Hershey, John Kerner, Sr., and Uylsse Adams; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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 CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

Officiant 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 PEACE

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY	<i>You Are Mine</i> (Voice and guitar)	David Hass
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THE DOXOLOGY	<i>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.</i>	HYMNAL 380 v.3
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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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* **HYMN S-129**
 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.

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 *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*
All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

HYMNAL 321
HYMNAL 477

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.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE*Sortie*

Theodore Dubois

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANY THANKS TO Liz and Paul West for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning!

FOYER GROUPS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Contact Gretchen Walden at 540-817-9013 or gretchdw@gmail.com or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board. First supper will be Wednesday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

FALL COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP – see bulletin insert for details!

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes Wednesday, September 3rd. See bulletin insert for details!

MAKERS MARKET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING after the 10:15 a.m. service next Sunday! See bulletin insert for details!

THE PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH. We return to 2 services, the Choir, Sunday School, Coffee hour etc... Let's have a great turnout for the start of a new year and welcoming back our Rector from sabbatical!

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, Joe, and Bishop Bob:

Abhivaadan. Greetings from Kerala, on the southwestern tip of southern India. This is sensory and spiritual overload, as I'm here at the start of Onam, the festival that celebrates the annual return of King Mahabali. He was a ruler of legend, a king of immense kindness and prosperity, banished to the underworld by Lord Vishna's avatar, but due to his love of his people was allowed to return and visit them once each year. The people gather for pageants, parades, and feasts. Onam is a festival of reunion, prosperity, and gratitude that lasts for twelve days. Close your eyes and imagine displays of giant flowers, made up of thousands of flowers. There are boat races in which massive "snake boats" with as many as 130 paddlers in each boat sprint along the river! And I just saw a parade of people all dressed as tigers, singing and dancing in the street. The central focus is the grand Shadya - neighborhood feasts, where all are welcome regardless of caste, creed, or social status. It puts into practice their belief of inclusivity, inviting all to common tables to be sure that all are fed, and all are fed equally.

The Church in South India reflects the spirit of Onam. This province is called the Church of South India (United) because it includes several different denominations: Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed, Methodist, and Anglican. This is not a province where differences divide. There is also no effort to create a melting pot here where everyone looks, lives, loves, and worships the same. Instead, the churches and the people have created a beautiful tapestry, with the various colors of many different cultures and traditions stitched together with the love of inclusivity. It brings to mind a favorite song by Marty Haugen, "All Are Welcome."

"Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions / Rock of faith and vault of grace / Here the love of
Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place"

It's truly refreshing to my soul to be in a place where all are welcome, at St. John's or here in Southern India. I hope your souls are refreshed as well.

-- John Traveler.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

5:00 PM Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:00 PM HEII with Healing

2:00 PM Men's Bible Study

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Committee

2:30 PM Food Pantry

7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Coffee Hour to follow each service

Homecoming Sunday - Amanda's back!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Makers Market organizational meeting
following the 10:15 service!

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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