

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
AUGUST 16, 2026 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. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available for our littlest members during this service, however, please know children are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our service comes from the Book of Common Prayer, Enriching our Worship, and the 1982 Hymnal. This service is filled with vibrant music, the reading of sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. 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.

In addition to Sunday services, we also offer a Healing service with Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at noon and on Thursday at 9:00 a.m., Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. All are welcome to join!

A special thank you to Glenn Fisher and Susan Herr for providing music at today's service.

FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Our friends at home: Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Peggy Zuke, Theresa Sullivan, Peggy Buscher, Jim Crothers

Our prayer list: Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, John Lawrence, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz Skiles, Maria Wright, Denise Chandler, Kate Benson, Garth Alexander, Isaac Markovich, Maria Sauder, John, Rose

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sonata in F

George Phillip Telemann

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

HYMNAL 380

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

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15 (*please be seated*)

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

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

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human. *(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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God especially St. Martin's-in-the-Fields,
Mountaintop; St. Paul's, Manheim; and The Church in Wales.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey and Kevin, our Bishops; and for all bishops and
other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



*Thank you for your generosity as we seek to live into our mission and
ministries. Together, our gifts make this community of welcome,
reconciliation, and service possible. You can place your offering in the
plates when they are passed or by using our secure QR Code. Thank you
for sharing your gifts!*

THE OFFERTORY

Overture in D

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 1

EOW

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.* **HYMNAL S-125**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with St. John, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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 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

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

Ave Maria

Astor Piazzolla

SENDING FORTH OF 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

EOW

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

HYMNAL 537

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Bible Study | Wednesdays at 2:00 PM

Early Christians were called People of The Book. But they were also People of the Image. Art played an important role in spreading, communicating, and commemorating their faith."

What's happening in the painting?
A woman is weighing jewels in front of the Last Judgment?

"Woman Holding A Balance" Vermeer, 1665



Investigate

In five sessions, we look at faith in art, ancient and modern, sacred and secular.
Text is "Discovering God through the Arts" by Terry Glaspey, at no cost.
Author is CS Lewis scholar, theologian, and art historian.
Along with the book, there will be many extras!

Explore

- * Spiritual formation when we attend to the wonder and meaning of art
- * Lessons understanding scripture and navigating emotions
- * Art as comfort that expands empathy and justice
- * Images which enhance prayer and relationship with God.

Join us!

**Parish Hall – Wednesdays, 2-3pm
August 26 to September 23**

Questions?

Call or email Sea Macleish
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Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



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MERCY
 JESUS
 WOMAN
 KNELT

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Bore da from Wales! Bore da means "good morning" in Cymraeg, the Welsh name for the traditional, Celtic language of Wales, which is part of the United Kingdom. Wales shares a land border with England and is surrounded by the Irish Sea and the Bristol Channel. Nearly 3.8 million people live in this charming, historic, and beautiful country, which is roughly the size of the state of Massachusetts. I am so happy that I decided to travel from London to Cardiff by train, because I was able to enjoy some of Wales's natural beauty. Even though the train trip was only two hours, I saw several castles, which is not surprising, because Wales has more castles per square mile than any other country in Europe! Along with the three national parks, mountains, hills, rivers, and waterfalls, there are more than 600 castles in Wales. I also learned that the sheep who live in Wales vastly outnumber its human population. Some say there are more than 9 million sheep here!

I am writing to you from Cardiff, the capital and largest city in Wales, which is located on southeastern coast. It is a city full of history, art, music, and culture. Did you ever read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* or *James and the Giant Peach* when you were growing up? I loved those books, and I was delighted to learn that Roald Dahl, the author of these childhood treasures, was from Cardiff. Today, I toured Cardiff Castle, which has existed since the 11th century and visited the National History Museum, which is the most visited attraction in Wales.

Today I worshipped at the City Parish of St. John the Baptist. It is located in the heart of Cardiff and hosts many events for the city as well. The church is deeply committed to social justice, and I love its proclamation that, "At St. John's, we believe that all Christians have a role in bringing the love and grace of God to our world." That sounds like another St. John's church that I know well. The church has played a key role in helping to revive the Welsh language. Most people speak English here, and many also now speak Cymraeg. Many churches offer Welsh language services, and there is a bilingual book of Bible reflections.

Earlier this week, I walked 21 miles from Cardiff to Penrhys in the Rhondaa along a medieval pilgrimage route that was popular in the fifth and sixth centuries. St. David and St. Teilo, two well-known Welsh saints may have traveled this route several times, which leads to an island at the edge of a forest. At one time, there was a statue of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus next to a well of water. We began our journey from Llandaff Cathedral, which dates from 1120 and is one of the oldest Christian sites in the United Kingdom. Some say there has been a Christian presence on this site since the 6th century. I still have a feeling of awe from journeying the same path that my brothers and sisters in Christ have for centuries and feeling a deep sense of spiritual connection. I hope you will keep this country in your prayers. Along with most of Europe, parts of Wales are suffering from an unbearable heatwave this summer and wildfires are raging across the country. I have heard about the extreme weather in Lancaster, too, and I pray that you all are safe. - John the Traveler

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FULTON ELEMENTARY

Every August, we celebrate the beginning on the school year with a Fulton Teacher Luncheon and school supply drive. Items can be brought to the church on Sundays or during office hours! Items to collect: Backpacks - Folders - Notebooks - Calculators - Pencil Cases - Art supplies - Binders - Glue Sticks - Pencils - Pens - Markers - Disinfectant Wipes - Scissors - Tissues - Tape - Etc.

SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN'S | TODAY | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

All the women of the parish are invited to bring something to nibble on while we gather and share our stories with one another. From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. we'll form friendships, support and encourage one another, and get to know each other on a deeper level. We will meet on top of the hill looking down at the amphitheater. Look for the signs!

CONCERT | AUGUST 21 AT 7:00 PM

Lancaster's own Liz Fulmer will play acoustic folk music and sing many of her original story songs. Liz is the Lead Pastor at Grandview Church and a fabulous singer/songwriter who puts her heart into her music. This will be a family-friendly gathering, and all are welcome. We'll be in the sanctuary, bring a friend!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Lemonade time at 9AM

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist II with music

12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

1:30 PM Education for Ministry

5:00 PM Sisterhood of St. John's

MONDAY

Administrative Day (office closed)

11:30 AM Fulton Teacher Luncheon

TUESDAY

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

2:00 PM Weekly Bible Study

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

2:30 PM Food Pantry

6:00 PM Episcopal Night at the Stormers

FRIDAY

Rector's Day off

7:00 PM Concert with Liz Fulmer

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Community Breakfast

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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The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett, Assistant Rector
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The Rev. Rob Kazee, Ecumenical Associate

VESTRY

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Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones, Bruce Morgan, Brad Zuke

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