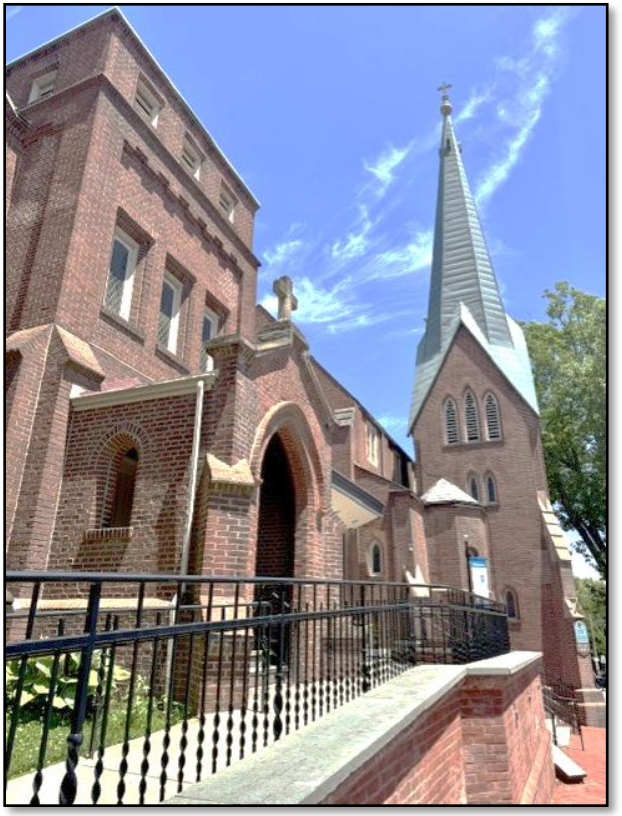
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 22, 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 (look for the red signs). A nursery is available for our littlest members during this service, however, please know children are always welcome in worship. In addition to worship, Sunday School takes place for our children & youth every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. in the Christian Education wing and Coffee Hour follows both of our services in the Parish Hall! Please join us for a cup of coffee or snack, so we can get to know you or fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offertory plate. 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!

FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

Our prayer list: Judy Modene, Collin, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, John Lawrence, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz Skiles, Kate Benson, Maxwell Good, Ruth McFarland, Knute Jacobson, Wendell Gibbs, Mary Hinkle, Eamon Nelson, Riley

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Nun danket alle Gott* Paul Fey

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* **HYMNAL 460**

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 **HYMNAL S-278**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *(please be seated)*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

PSALM 100

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **HYMNAL 494** (v. 1-3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-40 *(please rise in body or spirit)*

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON The Rev. Rob Kazee

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

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
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)*

Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son, therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God, enliven the church for its mission, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey and Kevin, our Bishops; Amanda and Joe, our clergy; and Kim, our seminarian. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Stroudsburg; St. Matthew's, Sunbury; and the Standing Committee; and The Church of England.
That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others; especially Donald, the President; Josh, the Governor; and Jamie, the Mayor.
That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. We pray especially for our friends at home; Ellen, Joanna, Al, Mary Sue, Ellen, Edith, Merle, Peggy, Theresa, and Jim.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; especially Judy, Collin, Eileen, Sandy, Marshall, Leslie, John, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz, Kate, Maxwell, Ruth, Knute, Wendell, Mary, Eamon, and Riley.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died, and those who mourn. We praise you for St. John and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

Celebrant Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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 time, talent, and treasures!

THE OFFERTORY *O Praise the Lord of Heaven* William Billings

THE PRESENTATION *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;* **HYMNAL 410**
To his feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 **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.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,* **HYMNAL S-128**
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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with John, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ 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	*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*	**HYMNAL 609**
	Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness	**HYMNAL 492**

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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Go forth now into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	*Lead On, O King Eternal*	**HYMNAL 555**

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Vivace on Nun danket alle Gott* Paul Fey

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

THANKSGIVING DAY MORNING PRAYER | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH | 9AM
All are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer on Thanksgiving Day in the Mary Chapel at 9:00AM!

ADVENT EVENT | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH | AFTER THE 10:15AM SERVICE
Our annual Advent potluck and wreathmaking event is coming up! There will be opportunities to make an advent wreath, write Christmas cards to parishioners or friends, decorate cookies. Everyone is welcome, and there will be crafts for the kids as well. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or email lalimule@verizon.net



FOOD PANTRY TURKEY & HAM COLLECTION FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Many grocery stores offer turkeys or hams during the holiday season that can be redeemed with reward points. Please consider donating one to the Food Pantry so we can offer them as special holiday gifts! We have both refrigerator and freezer space prepared to receive your gifts. Contact Marion Wear at mwear2016@outlook.com with any questions.

HARK! AN IRISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH | 7PM
St. John's is excited to host "Hark! An Irish Christmas!" concert with Celtic-American Roots music group RUNA. Fusing its signature Celtic-roots sound with American folk and bluegrass, RUNA brings its high-energy rhythms and lilting melodies to the festivities of the midwinter season. Visit our website to purchase tickets!

WORLD AIDS DAY PRAYER SERVICE | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST | 6PM
Please join us for an interfaith prayer service for World AIDS Day at the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden located in Janice Stork Linear Park (close to W. Lemon at Water Street). We will remember those lost to the AIDS pandemic and honor everyone who continues to fight to end AIDS worldwide. The service will last approximately 30 minutes.

DECEMBER SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN'S PROJECT | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | 12PM
The Sisterhood is collecting items for Blessings Bags to distribute at the Community Breakfast in December. If you would like to contribute a certain amount of any item, please reach out to Beth Warren and let her know. A total of 144 of each of the following items are needed: small hair combs, individual packs of tissues, small bottles of hand sanitizer, quart size Ziploc bags, tubes of ChapStick, and Christmas candy.

ADVENT SOUP & ADULT FORUM | WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN DECEMBER | 5:30PM
This Advent Season we will gather for an advent-focused spiritual formation group. We'll begin with a soup supper in the Parish Hall followed by a discussion on the book "Gospel Voices: Advent with Matthew, Mark, Luke & John" by Tina Francis & Jerusalem Jackson Greer. Limited copies of the book are available at the church office. Please **sign up** by calling the church office (or via the link in the News & Notes email).

STEVENS & SMITH CENTER PARISH TOUR | SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 | 10AM – NOON
Join fellow parishioners, led by Ben Webber, for a special group tour of Lancaster's newly opened historical landmark: The Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy. The museum features 16 stunning, immersive exhibition galleries detailing the fight against slavery, the Underground Railroad network in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Reconstruction era. Purchase your tickets independently through the official Stevens & Smith Center platform, or call/email the church office to be included in the group reservation.

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,

Cheers from gloomy England! After the warm tropics of Easter Island, the damp November chill here took some getting used to. Thankfully, the first thing anyone offered me after I landed was a cuppa, which is English for a cup of tea and, I've learned, also a way of saying "welcome" and "you're among friends."

I spent most of my week in York, an old walled city in the north of England. You can still walk along much of the medieval wall that circles the town and the York Minster, one of the world's largest Gothic cathedrals in Northern Europe and home of the Church of England's number two, the Archbishop of York. Afterward, I wandered down the Shambles, a crooked little street where the timber-framed buildings lean so far over that neighbors could almost shake hands across the top.

What struck me most, though, were the poppies. Everywhere I went, people had small red paper poppies pinned to their coats. November is the season of Remembrance here, when England honors those who died in war. Earlier this week, I joined a crowd outside the Minster as the bells went quiet and everyone, from elderly veterans in their medals to teenagers in hoodies, stood together in two minutes of silence. A woman beside me quietly told me afterward that she wears her poppy for her grandfather and his friends he never came back with.

This week, ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, I challenge you to make your own small act of remembrance. Tell a story about someone you've lost, write a note of thanks to someone who helped make you who you are, or simply pause for two minutes and give thanks for them. And if you can, do it over a cuppa.

Blessings always,
John Traveler

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