

## St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Holy Manna" *Lamb*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "It Is Well with My Soul" *arr. Abramsky*

\*Call to Worship

One: Jesus says that we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**All: We come to God because there is a hunger in our hearts  
that cannot be satisfied by food.**

One: Jesus says, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.  
Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

**All: We come to God because our souls are thirsty for what only  
God can give.**

One: Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be filled!"

**All: May our hunger and thirst be filled as we worship God.**

\*Hymn 298, vss. 1, 2, 4 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You call us to live new lives, transformed by your love.**

**But so often we find ourselves walking down the *old* paths in life;  
paths that lead *not* to life, but to *death*;  
not to *forgiveness*, but to *sin*.**

**We dwell in a past that we cannot change,  
holding on to old pain and mistakes and grudges.**

**We construct in our minds an imagined future  
over which we have no control.**

**All of this keeps us from loving you and our neighbors *now*.**

**You who makes all things new, make *us* new.**

**Heal the wounds that we have received,  
as well as the ones that we have *caused*.  
so that we may live into the newness of your kingdom, in Christ.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43–48 (pg. 5, NT) Laurie Cato

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Ordination – Jim Tiede (Elder)

Installation – Ann Roberts (Deacon)

*As Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:*

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "Come Share the Lord" *Larson*

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9–21 (pg. 162, NT)

Sermon CULTIVATING LOVE Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 137 (GREEN) "God Is Love" (sing whole song twice)

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*Presentation of Offering & 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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People

\*Hymn 408 "The Gift of Love"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Near to the Heart of God" *arr. McAfee*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Music Director** *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

**Ushers** *Peter Crawford, Jim Ryland*

**Flowers** *Given by Barb Beucler to the glory of God in honor and  
gratitude for my children, Linda Duncan and Geoff Beucler.*

**Handbells** *Courtney Cato, Sophie Coradi, Sarah Duncan, Avery Hillier*

**Guest Musician** *Cassia Harvey (cello)*

### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

#### LENT 2022: CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. Here are some ways to engage this Lenten Season:

**Lenten Tree:** Stop by the tree in Fellowship Hall to write on the green leaves what you hope to cultivate, and on the red/orange leaves what you want to let go of. Feel free to take a leaf home to write on it there, and if it you would like to keep it private, you can always post it face down.

**Lenten Devotional:** Each week the bulletin will include a devotional card with a poem and some questions for reflection during the week.

**Lenten Study:** Join us every Sunday at 11:00 AM in Ridgley's office for a brief time of reflection on the day's scripture and sermon.

**Palm Sunday, April 10:** Worship (9:30) and Egg Hunt (10:45)

**Maundy Thursday, April 14:** Worship & communion (7 PM)

**Easter Sunday, April 17:** Worship (9:30 AM)

#### HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

**Wednesday April 6 at 7pm-** Join us for a collaborative service with Trinity Presbyterian Church. As we approach Holy week, we will gather, read scripture and reflect through a variety of self-led prayer stations. This service will not be livestreamed, so we hope you'll join us in person!

#### UKRAINE RELIEF

As the number of Ukrainian refugees continues to increase by the day, food and other supplies inside Ukraine are becoming increasingly scarce. Churches and ecumenical partners who are already there are helping to provide basic items for survival for the millions who have been displaced. **St John's will be giving \$10,000 towards this effort.** One of the ways that we can help is through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Giving through PDA will assist with international refugee resettlement. The Synod of the Trinity will be matching all funds sent through the Presbytery. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. John's with "Ukraine" in the memo line. We will then send everything to Presbytery. More information can be found in our weekly email.

#### LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Last week we started a three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's, led by Lauren Tiede. Join us again in April and May to learn more about caring for our loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

April 24: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia

May 21: Effective Communication Strategies

## EASTER LILIES

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships for Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday (April 17). The cost is \$10 per plant, and it is yours to keep after worship. A Deacon will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee time if you would like to purchase a plant.

## PALM SUNDAY FESTIVITIES – NEXT SUNDAY

Children of all ages are invited to join us for two special events on Palm Sunday- the Palm Parade at the beginning of worship, and the Easter Egg Hunt & Butterfly Release during coffee hour! Children Kindergarten -4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a special Holy Week lesson in Sunday School to learn about the Easter story. We hope you will join us on this special day! Butterfly tents can be brought to the church that morning, and put on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us on Sunday nights for Youth Group as we learn, serve, and share in fellowship! Some upcoming events:

### Today, April 3rd: 4:00-6:00pm (MS: 4-5pm; HS: 5-6pm):

Join us for age specific Bible Study and games! We also will be stuffing the Easter Eggs with candy in prep for the Hunt on Palm Sunday!

April 10th: All Youth will be helping host the Intergenerational Easter Egg Hunt during church and coffee hour, and we will not meet in the evening.

**Youth Fellowship will not gather on Easter Sunday (4/17)**

## SUMMER TRIPS

Registration has opened for our Summer Youth Trips. Our Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs will be June 16–19, and our High School Mission and Youth Conference at Montreat Conference Center will be July 30–August 6. There is more information in Ridgley's weekly email for Youth, Children, and Families, as well as in our Weekly eNewsletter.

## SAVE THE DATE!

There are a few upcoming Christian Ed. events to put on your calendar:

**Devon Horse Show Parking:** Thursday, May 26 – Saturday, June 4

**Vacation Bible School:** August 15–19 (9 AM to 1 PM)

## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, April 3</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	9:30 am Worship & Communion
	Sunday School
<b>Wed, April 6</b>	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean)
	7:00 pm Healing and Wholeness Service at Trinity Pres. Berwyn
<b>Sun, April 10</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

Reminder: Friday is Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office. Our Church Administrator Lara Kennedy is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and works virtually (available by email/phone) on Monday and Thursday. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

## ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

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*Jesus Christ*

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.  
All things break. And all things can be mended.  
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.  
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.  
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

– L. R. Knost

April 3, 2022  
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