ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL & AFRICAN PALMS USA

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 14, 2024 8:00am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us. If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY IS BILL STIEF

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

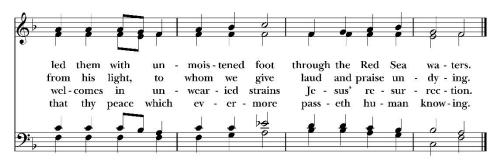
| SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S | |
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| 8am | Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary |
| 9am | Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft |
| | Meeting Room |
| 9am | Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room |
| 9:45am | Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall |
| 10:30am | Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary |
| 12-1pm | Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs |
| 12-1pm | Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room |
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Arioso J.S. Bach

The people stand.





Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: St. Kevin, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE 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.**

8:00am GLORIA

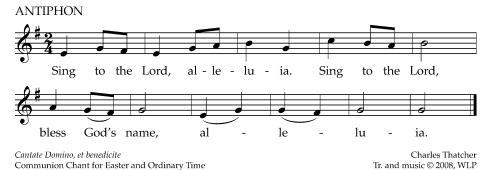
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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you 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.

GLORIA





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

People are seated.

1 JOHN 3:1-7

Reader

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader **People**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The People stand



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24: 36b-48

Deacon **People**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Mary Alcuin Kelly Deacon Candidate 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. 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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those

who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops and other

ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially, Rona, Tim, Jim & Jane, Fiona and Tyrus, Diane, Julie, Glenna, Sean, Brenda, Mary, Bishop Curry, Patricia,

Sam, Nancy, Joseph, Mark, and Peter.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People 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.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Concluding Collect

CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION

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

People 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.

Celebrant 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 of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Silence

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Anthem: What Wondrous Love Collins

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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The people stand

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of

glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,

and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed

your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

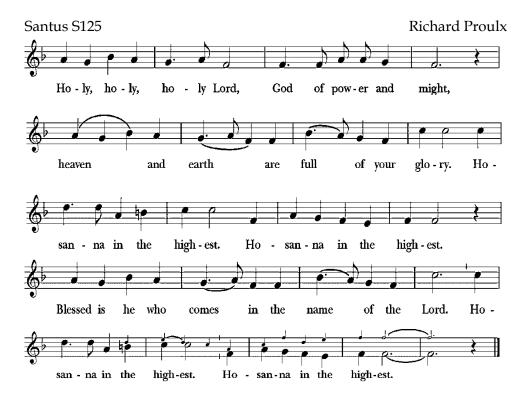
People

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.



The Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our forebears, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Oue ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offences Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal, car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30AM

Fraction Hymn 198

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise

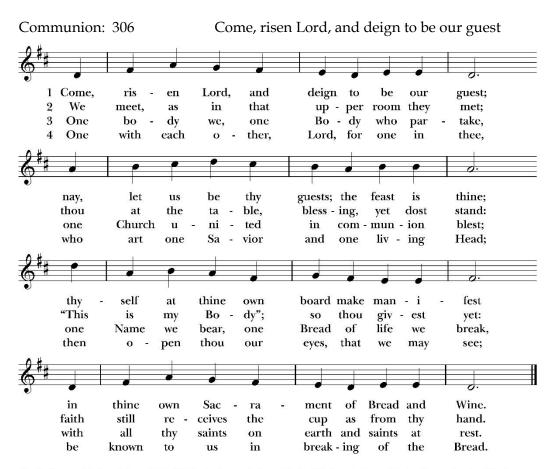


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The Gifts of God for the People of God

This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The people are seated.



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

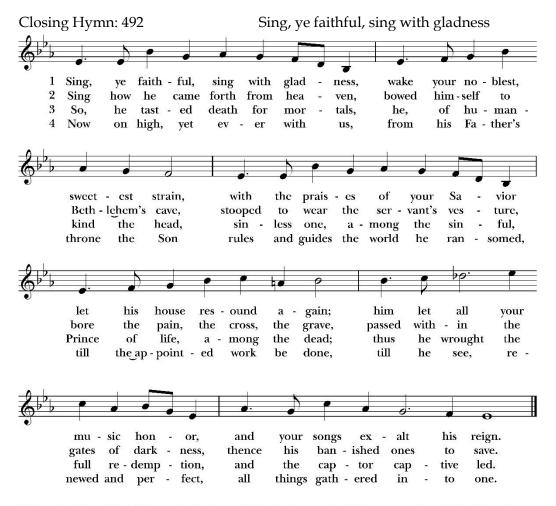
Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

Celebrant and people

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



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DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: First March Gioachino Rossini

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

Rona Golfen Tim Wittig Jim & Jane Lawton Fiona and Tyrus Adams Diane **Iulie** Glenna Miller Sean Miller Brenda Goodman Mary Persinger Bishop Curry Patricia Jones Sam Whitaker Nancy Winter Joseph Sears Mark Evans Peter McWilliams

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEMINAR The Most Generous Gift - End of Life Preparation and

Planning. Please join us as we learn about planning for our final moments. Get all your questions answered and leave with valuable information.

WOSTI

Join the **Women of St. John's** for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tuesday 30th at 7:00pm at the home of Mathy Downing. Women will be baking cookies and packaging bake goods. Any questions please contact Mathy at 301-938-8089.

OLNEY DAYS April 28th - The parade lineup begins at 1:00 pm and kicks off promptly at 2:00 pm. All are invited to walk.

MIGRANT Collecting goods for Migrants through IRC - As part of the

Diocese partnership project with IRC (International Rescue Committee), St. John's is gathering household goods for arriving migrant families. Please see Deacon Nancy for a list of items required or sign up for items on the link in the Bell Tower.

PANTRY Pantry Needs -, Peanut butter, shelf stable milk, taco kits,

canned tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, white rice one pound, canned

black beans, , large cereal.

VBS The Salvation Story According to Disney | July 29 - August 2

An Intergenerational Vacation Bible School. www.stjec.org to

register.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, APRIL 14

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Bible Challenge Discussion Table in the Prayer Room at 11:30am
- Youth Group at Monster Golf 12-1:30pm

Wednesday, APRIL 17

- Vestry Meeting at 6:30pm
- Compline evening Prayer on ZOOM at 7pm

Saturday, APRIL 20

• End of Life Preparation and Planning Seminar – 9:00am to 12pm

Sunday, APRIL 21

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- "Creation Care" activities following 10:30am Service.
- Bible Challenge Discussion Table in the Prayer Room at 11:30am
- Casserole Club at 12:00pm
- Youth Group at 12-1:30pm



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