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

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ROGATION DAY (TRANSFERRED)** 

Sunday, April 21, 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.

## 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	
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

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Bradbury Grime

The people stand.



#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.** 

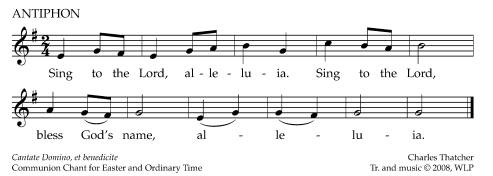
8:00am

GLORIA BCP PG. 356

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**

## Sing to the Lord, Alleluia



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

People are seated.

## 1 JOHN 3:16-24

Reader

A reading from the first letter of John:

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 23

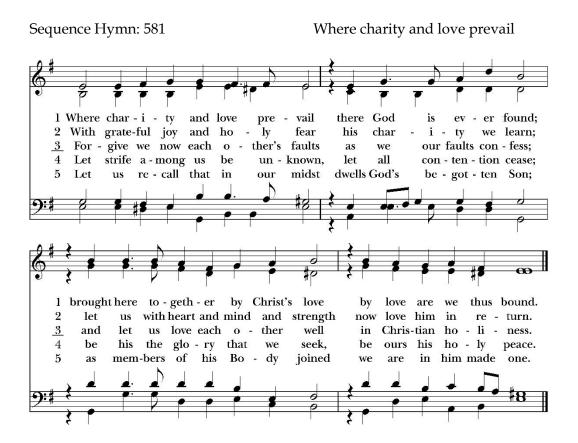
- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The People stand



6 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10: 11-18

# Deacon **People**

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

## People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

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.

## CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

BCP. 360

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.

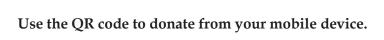
Celebrant /

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.





Anthem: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Hurlbutt

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C**

BCP. 369

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

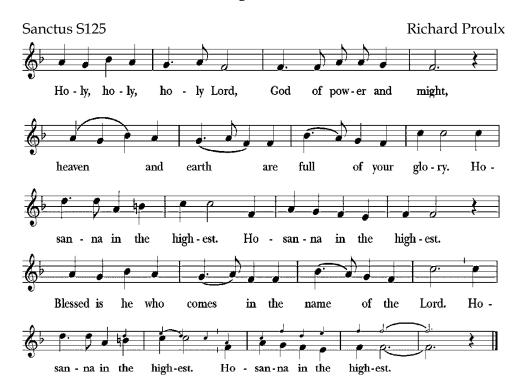
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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.



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, in the language closest to our heart, 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.

Padre nostro che sei nei cieli, sia santificato il tuo nome; venga il tuo regno, sia fatta la tua volontà, come in cielo così in terra.

Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano, rimetti a noi i nostri debiti, come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori e non ci indurre in tentazione, ma liberaci dal mal

## 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

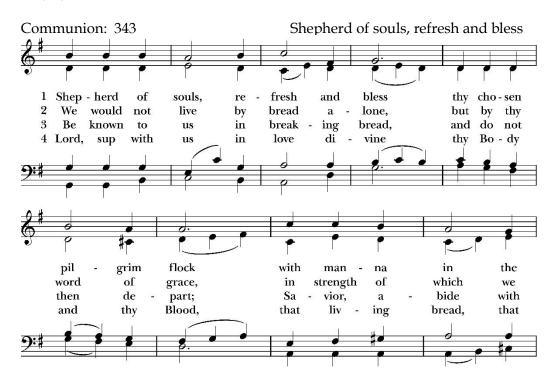


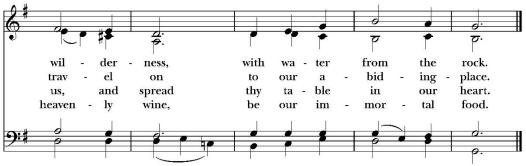
Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Mach's mit mir, Gott*, melody from *Das ander Theil des andern newen Operis Geistlicher Deutscher Lieder*, 1605; adapt., att., and harm. Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630).

## 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.

Following this hymn the congregation will process with the clergy to pray at the bell tower, the memorial garden, the new front garden, and the bottle refill station in the parish hall. Dismissal will be from the parish hall with an invitation to participate in some Earth Day activities.



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

We praise and glorify your name, O Lord, that you have called us together from every language, race, and nation, a Church to proclaim your gospel, to live in witness to your truth, and to celebrate the sacraments of the New Covenant.

Let us pray.

Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: Bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.** 

Our procession continues to the memorial garden.

Let us pray.

God of the living and of the dead, renew the face of the ground by your life-giving Spirit; grant that all who rest here may be renewed in the joy of your eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, who is resurrection and life. **Amen.** 

After the dismissal, we invite you to return here to pick up branches and clean the cemetery grounds. Our procession continues to the new front garden.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruitfulness of the earth that nourishes our life and the life of all creatures. Bless those who work in fields and gardens. Send them seasonable and temperate weather, and grant that the fruits of the earth may be shared justly with all having need of them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

After the dismissal we invite you to return here to begin the planting in this garden with blueberry bushes and Black-eyed Susan. Our procession continues to the parish hall water refill station.

Let us pray.

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. **Amen.** 

After the dismissal we invite you to return here to make signs encouraging the use of refillable water bottles, and to make water bottle holders.

## The Blessing

#### DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## 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 pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Harry Brooke
Rona Golfen
Tim Wittig
Jim & Jane Lawton
Fiona and Tyrus Adams
Mary Persinger
Patricia Jones
Sam Whitaker
Joseph Sears

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: <a href="mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org">pastoralcare@stjec.org</a>.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WOSTI

Join the **Women of St. John's** for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28**<sup>th</sup> - 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 ongoing Diocese partnership project with IRC (International Rescue Committee) St. John's and St. Nicholas are partnering to gather household goods for arriving migrant families. Household categories include Kitchen, Linens & Household Goods, Cleaning Supplies, and Toiletries. We are especially in need of Linens and Household Goods, Cleaning Supplies, and Toiletries. We will be gathering them on May 4th and May 5th at the church. If you need someone to pick up your donations, please let Deacon Nancy know. Please see <u>Deacon Nancy</u> after both services at coffee hour for a list of items required. See Friday's Bell Tower for sign up.

**PANTRY** 

**Pantry Needs**. – Pudding, individual mac and cheese, taco kits, canned chili, large chef Boyardee 15 oz. sardines, dried potatoes, canned stew, and Small Shelf Stable Milk.

**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 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

## Monday, APRIL 22

• Earth Day

### Sunday, APRIL 28

- 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 12-1:30pm
- Olney Days Parade 1:00pm 3:00pm

## Tuesday, APRIL 30

- Staff Luncheon
- Women of St. John's at 7:00pm, baking for Flower Mart

## Saturday, MAY 11

Confirmation

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