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

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:30am

## HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM



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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

PRELUDE: Andante

Haydn

The people stand.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

BCP, PG. 299

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit;

**People** There is one hope in God's call to us; Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

People are seated.

#### ACTS 8:26-40

Reader A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire

treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning

home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader **People** 

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*
  I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \* "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \* he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \* all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \* they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \* the saving deeds that he has done.

## 1 JOHN 4:7-21

Reader

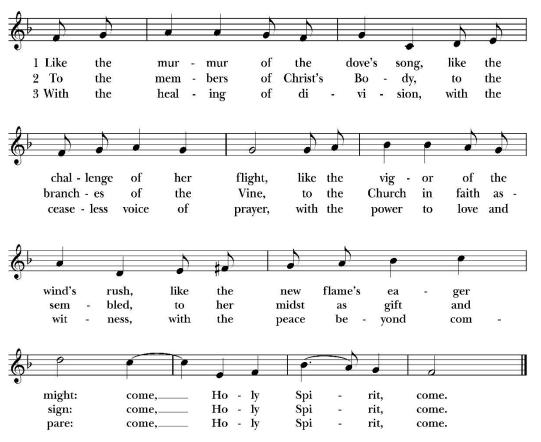
A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader **People** 

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8

Deacon **People** 

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

Jesus said to his disciples," I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

People

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Eleanor Louise to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Sponsors I present Benjamin Thomas to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is

brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow

into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Sponsors I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

Response I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love

of God?

Response I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Response I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Response

I do.

We will.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to

support these persons in their life in Christ?

People

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.  $\,$ 

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into

sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the

Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

### The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE BAPTISM

Eleanor Louise/Benjamin Thomas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

Eleanor Louise/Benjamin Thomas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.** 

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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Anthem: Come, Ye Sinners

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#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C**

BCP, PG. 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.

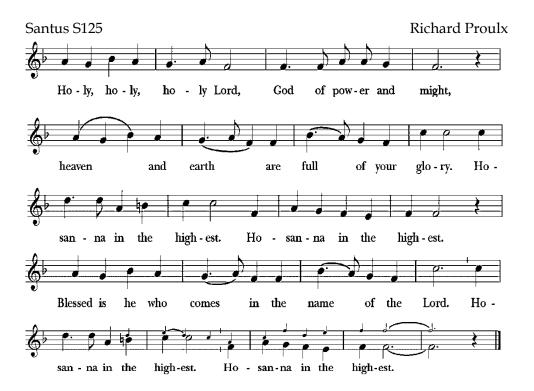
You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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:



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.** 

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, 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.

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name; dein Reich komme; dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern; und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. 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



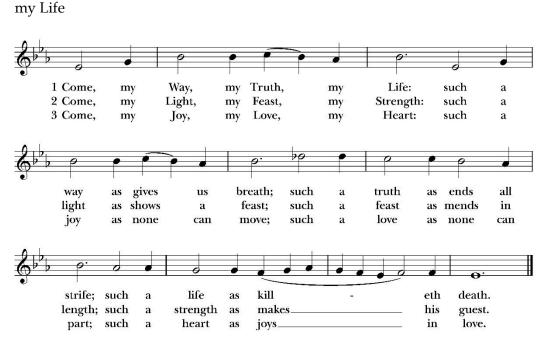
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## The Gifts of God for the People of God

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.

Communion: Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth,



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

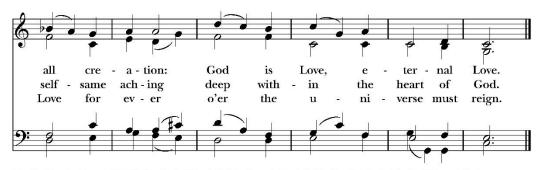
The people stand.

**ALL** 

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**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Menuett Haydn

### 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 baked 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 to sign up.

**CPR** 

**Saturday May 18 from 9:**00am to 11:00pm – St. John's is offering CPR training through Giant Pharmacy's in the Parish Hall. The training fee is \$69.99 per person. Please contact Julie Metcalf by Mary 3<sup>rd</sup> to reserve your seat.

**VBS** 

The Salvation Story According to Disney | July 29 - August 2 An Intergenerational Vacation Bible School. www.stjec.org to register.

**PANTRY** 

**Pantry Needs** – Single serve milk, single serve juice, white rice one-pound, canned stew, canned chili, large and individual cereal, and ramen noodles.

## LOOKING AHEAD

#### 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

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

## Saturday May 4

• Migrant Ministry Collection

## Sunday, MAY 5

- 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

### May 7-9

Clergy Conference

## Sunday, MAY 11

Confirmation

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