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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 10, 2024 8am & 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 — | | |
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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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HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

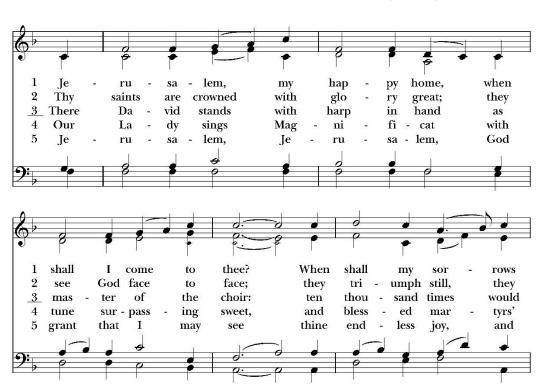
Prelude: Guide Us St. John's Children Choir Patterson

The people stand.

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 620

Jerusalem, my happy home





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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Kneel as you are able.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest offers a summation from Jesus.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.

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 People stand.

8AM

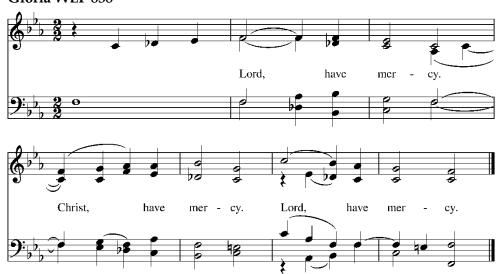
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

Gloria WLP 838



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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people are seated.

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Ephesians 2:1-10

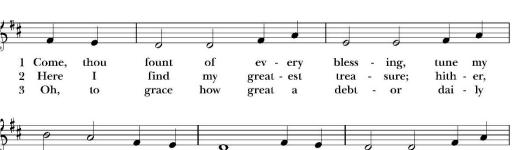
You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

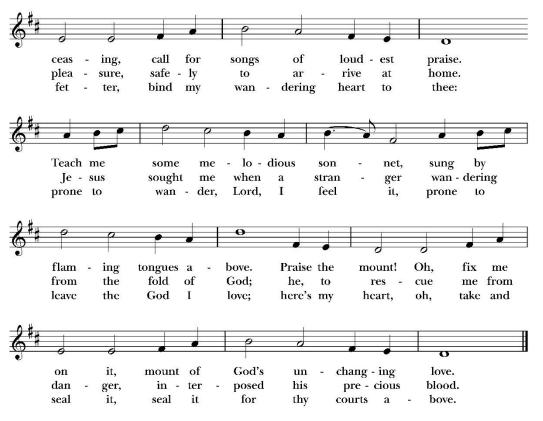
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

10:30AM Hymn #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing.





Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The people stand.

John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, and mind, or spirit; especially Jim & Jane, Fiona & Tyrus, Patricia, Sam, Diane, Julie, Glenna, Sean, Brenda, Mary, Bishop Curry, Nancy, Joseph, Mark, Peter, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Priest offers a closing collect.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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Anthem: I Was Glad St. John's Children's Choir Schram

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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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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:

8AM

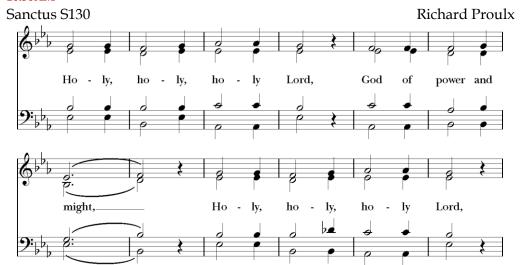
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:30AM





The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

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.

8AM

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace





The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People are seated.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, 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. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

Communion: Chereponi Gieseke

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





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Cwm Rhondda Moldenhauer

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>.

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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: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lenten Evening Prayer and a Meal of Soup and Bread Share a simple meal of soup and bread followed by the beautiful service of evening prayer. Wednesday evenings February 21-March 27 with dinner at 6:30pm followed by worship at 7:30pm. We need more soup and bread. Please sign up on the sign-up genius. See Deacon Nancy if you need help to sign up.
- Casserole Club Meeting Sunday March 17 @ 12:00pm Parish Hall Gather with other mourners in this informal, come as you are safe

assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss. Drop ins welcome.

- St. John's Spring Clean Up! To get ready for Easter, join us to prepare the inside and outside of the church. We will gather for our spring cleaning after the 10:30 service (probably a little before noon) next Sunday, March 17th. We will spruce up the sanctuary, and other places needing a little TLC both inside and outside St. John's. We will divide in 3 teams Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and lawn/garden care. We will provide most of the supplies but will need some outside tools leaf rakes, heavy duty rakes, garden fork, garden gloves, and/or pitch forks. Lunch will be provided as we enjoy some good Spring fellowship!
- Women of St. John's Meeting ~ Getting Ready for Easter Sunday! On Monday evening, March 18th at 7:00pm, we will gather in the church meeting room. This year's theme is Creation Care so we will be preparing eggs for hunting and putting together small terracotta pots. Please bring Easter candy to fill 100 small pots. We look forward to the fellowship and being together!
- Food Pantry Needs for this Week Corn, carrots, jelly dried mashed potatoes, individual cereal, fresh stack of crackers, water and large milk.
- Collecting goods for Migrants through IRC As part of the Diocese partnership project with IRC, we are gathering household goods for arriving migrant families in 4 category packets Kitchen, Linens and Household goods, Cleaning Supplies, and Toiletries. We are working with other churches in our region to gather complete sets. Please see Deacon Nancy for a list of items required in each category and you can sign up for items you have to share on the link in the Bell Tower. Our goal is to do a drop off/pick up by the second week in April. THANK YOU!!

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY March 10

- Holy Eucharist @ 8:00am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal @ 9:00am Choir Room
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am Meeting Room
- Holy Households @ 9:30am Parish Hall
- Hand Bell Rehearsal @ 12:00pm Choir Room
- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12-1:30pm
- Confirmation Class @2:00pm

WEDNESDAY March 13

- Soup and Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY March 17

- Holy Eucharist @ 8:00am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal @ 9:00am Choir Room
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am Meeting Room
- Holy Households @ 9:30am Parish Hall
- Spring Cleaning after 10:30am Service.
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12:00pm
- Hand Bell Rehearsal @ 12:00pm Choir Room
- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12-1:30pm

MONDAY March 18

• Women of St. John's Meeting @ 7:00pm- Meeting Room

TUESDAY March 19

Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm - Meeting Room



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

+ PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24 @ 8am & 10:30am

+ TENEBRAE

Wednesday, March 27 @ 7:30pm

+ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28 @ 5:30 & 7:30pm

- Casual Family Service with Dinner @ 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Especially designed for families.
- Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing @ 7:30pm
- Prayer Vigil "Won't you Pray with Me?" @ 9pm-Midnight

+ GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29 @ 12 Noon & 7:30pm

- · Stations of the Cross @ 12 Noon
- Good Friday Liturgy @ 7:30pm

+ EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31 @ 6:30am, 9am & 11am

- Easter Vigil @ 6:30am
- · Family Interactive Service @ 9am
- Traditional Festive Easter Morning Worship @ llam

Caster Altar Flowers

Return completed form along with your check for <u>\$40</u> made payable to:

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