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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 17, 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 —		
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: Caithness Wold

The people stand.



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.

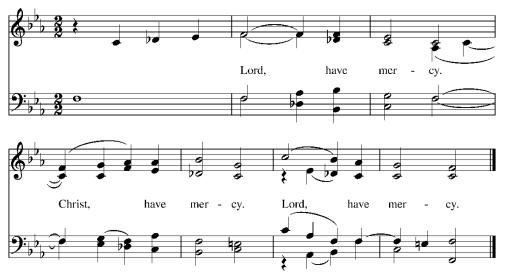
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** *The People stand.*

8AM

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

Gloria WLP 838



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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

> "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

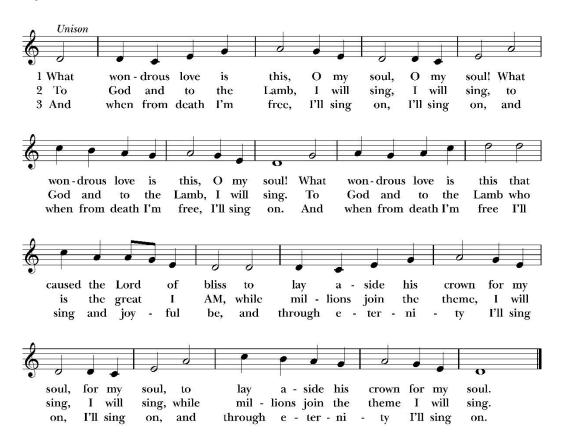
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

10:30AM

Hymn #439

What wondrous love is this



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:20-33 People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: Seek Ye First Youth Bells

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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.

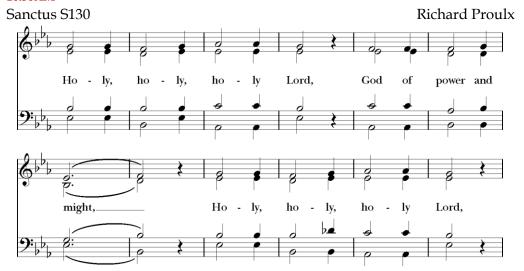
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 아버지의 이름이 거룩히 빛나시며 아버지의 나라가 오시며 아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지소서. 오늘 저희에게 일용할 양식을 주시고 저희에게 잘못한 이를 저희가 용서하오니 저희 죄를 용서하시고 저희를 유혹에 빠지지 않게 하시고 악에서 구하소서. (주님께 나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 있나이다.) 아메.

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.

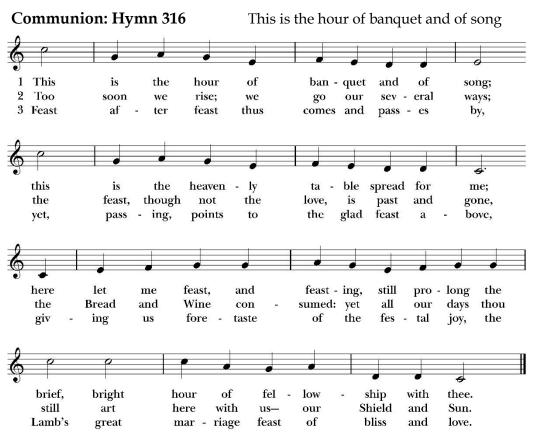
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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.



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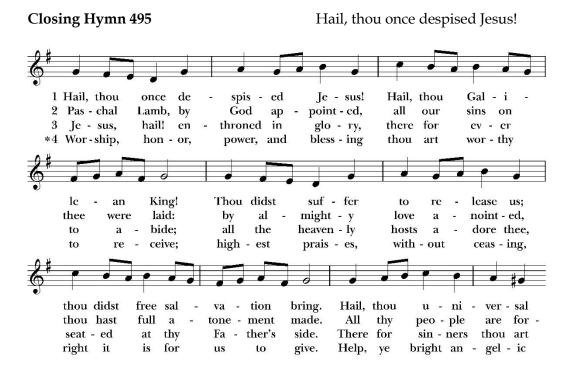
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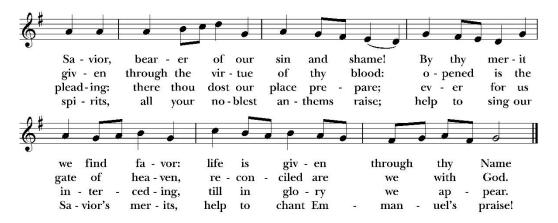
The people stand.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Paean Moore

St. John's Spring Clean Up! To get ready for Easter, join us to prepare the inside and outside of the church. We are gathering for our spring cleaning today after the 10:30 service to 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. Lunch is provided as we enjoy some good spring fellowship.

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.

Jim & Jane Lawton Patricia Jones
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Diane Bishop Curry
Julie Nancy Winter
Glenna Miller Joseph Sears
Sean Miller Mark Evans
Brenda Goodman Peter McWilliams

Mary Persinger

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 at 7:30pm. Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm through March 27th. Please sign up to bring soup on the sign-up on the 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.
- 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, putting together small terracotta pots, and filling liturgy prop bags. Please bring Easter candy to fill 100 small pots. We look forward to the fellowship and being together!
- Food Pantry Needs for this Week -Water, meal kits, (hamburger helper), taco kits, peas, corn, carrots, beef stew, small cereal, and large milk.
- Collecting goods for Migrants through IRC As part of the Diocese partnership project with International Rescue Committee, 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!!

• Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil - On the night before he died, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John saying "I am deeply grieved, even to death remain here and stay awake with me" We offer time in our prayer room, to remain silent in prayer with Jesus, even for just one hour. Sign-up Genius is in the Bell Tower.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

WEDNESDAY March 20

- Final Children Choir Rehearsal K-12 @ 4:30pm
- Final Children Choir Rehearsal 3-5 @ 5:15pm
- Soup and Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY March 24 - Palm Sunday

- Holy Eucharist @ 8:00am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal @ 9:00am Choir Room
- Adult Forum @ 9:00am Meeting Room
- Stations of Holy Week @9:30am Parish Hall
- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12-1:30pm



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

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