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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 5, 2024 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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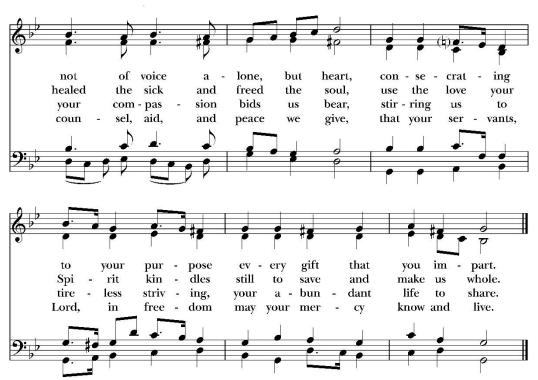
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Beach Spring

Langlois

The people stand.





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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

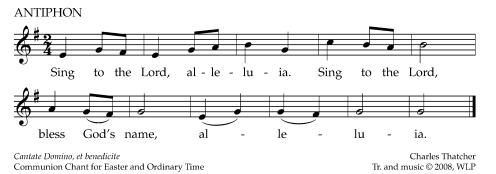
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

People are seated.

Acts 10:44-48

Reader

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone

withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Reader

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader **People**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: -9-17

Deacon **People**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

The Baptismal Covenant

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

The Prayers of the People

Form IV BCP, PG. 388

Deacon 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

People 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

People 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

People 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

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, **Harry**, **Rona**, **Tim**, **Jim** & **Jane**, **Fiona** and **Tyrus**, **Mary**, **Patricia**, **Sam**, **Joseph** give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Chris 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

People Hear our prayer.

The priest offers a concluding collect.

CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION

BCP, PG. 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.

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Anthem: Ubi Caritas Bullard

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

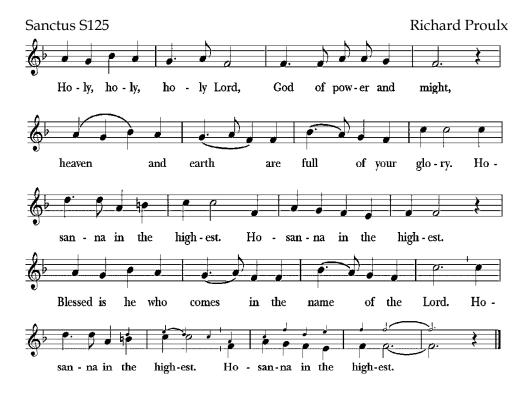
your trust; and we turned against one another.

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:



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, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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.) 아멘.

Fraction Hymn 198

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise

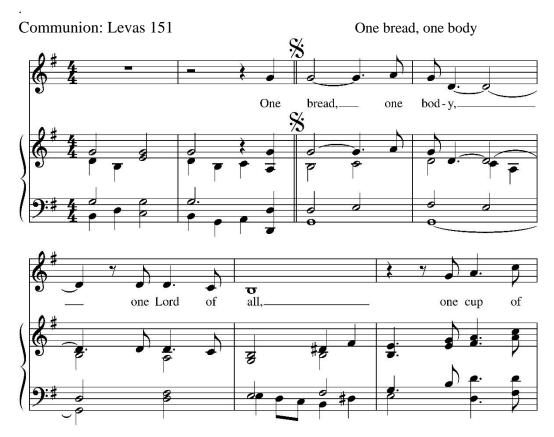


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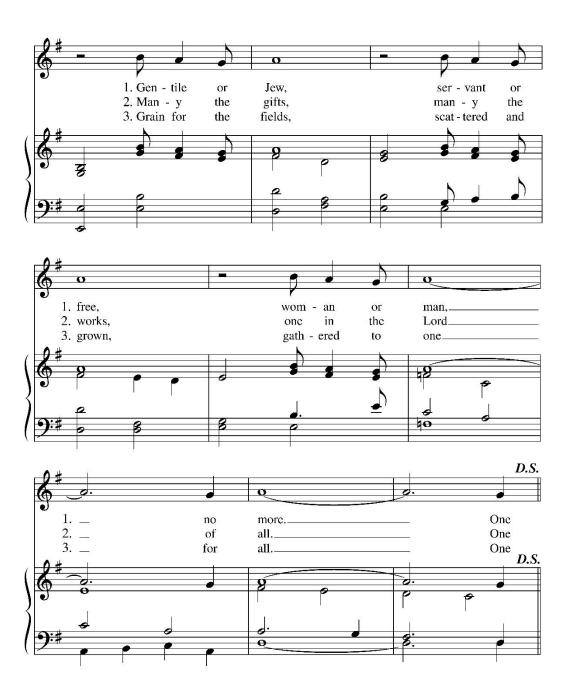
The Gifts of God for the People of God

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

Recessional Hymn: 413 New songs of celebration render New of songs cel e bra - tion der to him who ful -Joy ly, heart - i ly re - sound ing, let ev - ery Riv and seas and tor - rents roar ers ing, hon or the 0 ders done; his his has great won awed by love in - stru - ment and voice the praise of peal out Lord with wild claim; ac moun tains and stones look fall be - fore the Might - y foes sur - ren der and One. grace a - bound - ing, call the whole world re - joice. ing to up a - dor - ing and find voice to praise his Name. He has made known his great sal tion which va Trum pets and or gans set in mo tion such Right eous, com - mand ing, glo rious, prais ev er his friends with all joy con fess; he has re - vealed to sounds as make the hea - vens ring: all things that live es be his that nev - er cease; just is our God, whose ev - ery na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness. earth and o - cean, make mu - sic for your might - y truth vic - tor - ious the world in peace. es tab - lish - es

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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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Bish

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>.

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: pastoralcare@stjec.org.



Altar Flowers for this Sunday are donated by the
WILLIAMS FAMILY
in celebration of the Anniversary of their Baptism at St. John's

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 5

- Holy Eucharist with Baptism at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Funeral at 1:30pm
- Youth Group Ropes Course 3:30-6:30pm
- Migrant Ministry Collection

Tuesday May 7

- Staff Luncheon
- Clergy Conference May 7 to 9

Sunday, May 12

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Household at 9:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Bless prayer shawls/blankets / Donate Black Eyed Susans

Wednesday May 15

Vestry Meeting

Saturday May 18

• CPR Training 9:00am-1:00pm – Parish Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IRC

THANK YOU!! In gathering goods for Migrants through Thanks to you, St. John's and St. Nicholas partnered to gather all the household goods needed for an arriving migrant family through IRC (International Rescue Committee). We are gathering your donations before and after church in the U-Haul in the parking lot. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

BLESSING BLANKETS AND SHAWLS

May 12 – If you have any items let Julie Metcalf know or bring them to the Church.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19th at both the 8am & 10:30am services, we commemorate Pentecost, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples following His Ascension. An International Potluck Brunch in the Parish Hall follows the 10:30am service. We ask that you wear red, bring a dish, to share from your country of heritage.

VBS

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

PANTRY

Pantry Needs – Dried potatoes, individual milk, can tuna, sardines, can chicken, beef stew, can chili and fruit cups.

Creation Care

Needed black eyed susan plants. The Creation Care Garden Team would like to plant more black eyed susans alongside the ramp. If you have black eyed susans in your garden and can share a plant or two bring them to church during the month of May. See Mary Alcuin Kelly for more details.

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