

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

The First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2, 2018

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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Welcome! 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. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry.



Children are welcome at all services.

Child care is available for infants and children through Pre-K
Sunday mornings 8:30 - 11:30am in room 106,
in the church undercroft.

Sunday School for children ages K to 5th grade
9am in room 109 in the undercroft

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall
"The Bible Challenge" - The Bible in 1 year



Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour
and fellowship following each worship service.

This Sunday's Coffee hour is hosted by
Cathy McDermott

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy,
and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Music: Creator of the Stars of Night

Hermann Schroeder

Hymn 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus!

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

Trisagion S100

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum
Arranged by Nancy Raabe

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.
At your great Name, O Jesus, now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call your Lord.
Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe. Amen.*

The St. John's Choir

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

People The word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

People This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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.**

Prayers of the People

Form I Pg 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Olney, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Stan, Howard, Janet, Jerry, Patricia, Linda, Patrick, Patricia, Robert, Rick, An, Ed, Rosemary, Alec Tom, Faith, Yvonne, Betsy, Luella, Ron, Mac, and Nancy**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Luke, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of beloved John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Absolution

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A pg 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

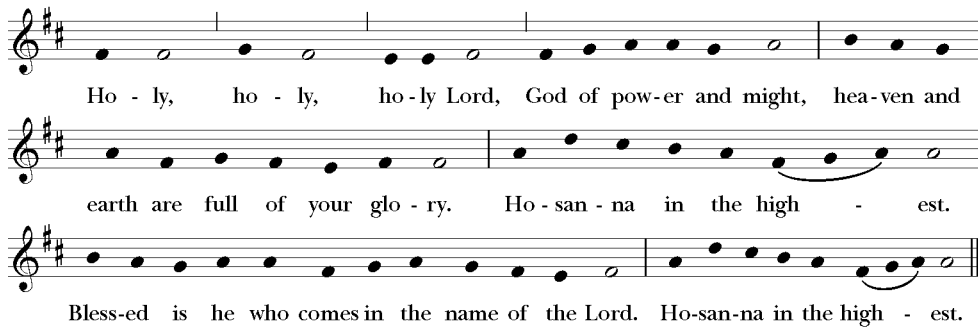
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... (pg 362)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S - 124 Sanctus and Benedictus

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father... (pg362)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption... (pg 363)

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread And The Communion

A period of silence is kept:

Fraction Anthem S154

David Hurd

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The priest and other communicants receive the Holy Communion.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Communion Hymns 72
672

Hark! the glad sound!
O very God of very God

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

The Dismissal *all respond*

Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: O Thou, of God the Father

J.S. Bach

DAILY DEVOTIONS

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. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please let us know. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at rector@stjec.org.

Stan Simpson
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Linda Niemczyk
An Silberman
Patrick
Rick Huff
Patricia Hong
Ed O'Neil
Rosemary
Tom Lansdale
Robert
Ron Blackburn
Mac Angell
Rev. Nancy Soukup

We ask your prayers for all creatures great and small: **Pepsi, Madison**



*Altar flowers are given by Mary Judge
In Memory of her parents, Catherine & Roy Frost*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH MAKING - TODAY in the Parish Hall from 11:15 to 12:15pm. Bring your Prayer Partner or family and come make an advent wreath. Foliage, wire wreaths and candles will be provided. A suggested donation of \$5 per wreath is suggested to offset the cost.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - St. John's School invites you on Thursday, December 6th at 6pm for its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Santa arrives at 6pm and you are invited to meet and get your photo taken with him. Join them for hot chocolate, cookies and caroling.

ADVENT DINNER - St. John's Adult Only Advent Dinner is THIS Friday at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up to bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of food, fellowship and music.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Our Christmas Pageant will be the presentation of the Gospel at 3pm on Christmas Eve at the Interactive Family Service. The pageant has parts for middle school/high school narrators, elementary and pre-school characters. We invite you to be a part of the pageant. Practices will be **December 9th, 16th and 23rd after the 10AM service**. For more information and to participate, contact: mothershivaun@icloud.com

WORLD PREMIERE ANTHEM - To commemorate the 175th anniversary of St. John's, Mary Lou McMaster and Jay Lozier have commissioned an anthem for choir, organ, and handbells by Birmingham composer K. Lee Scott. Mr. Scott is widely considered one of America's top composers of church music. His hymns appear in eighth hymnals, and he has published more than three hundred compositions. The St. John's Choir and Ringers will premiere his anthem "And Christ Shall Be our Peace" on Sunday December 9 at the 10:00 service. The lovely Advent text is based on Micah 5:2-52 and themes from Psalm 80:1-7.16-18.

CHRISTMAS @ St. John's

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3 PM

Family Interactive Eucharist with Pageant

6 & 9 PM

Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM

Holy Eucharist



Christmas Altar Flowers Christmas MUSIC



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VESTRY

Pam Brekke 2019 – *Worship*
Andrew Nicholas 2019 – *Warden/Evangelism*
Dennis Atkinson 2020 – *B & G*
Diana Mayhew 2020 – *Mission Outreach*
Selva Selvarajah 2021 – *Parish Life*

Alan Soukup 2019 – *Treasurer*
Bree Bruemmer 2019 – *Pastoral Care*
Stephen Simpson 2020 – *Warden/Education*
Julie Bauduy 2021 – *Communications*
Aparna Williams 2021 – *Registrar/Stewardship*

**SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM & 7PM
Sunday School @ 9AM**