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

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 14

Sunday, August 10, 2025 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 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 in the Parish Hall

9am Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school"

in the Parish Hall

10:30am Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary

COME JOIN US

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

• Women of St. John's Meeting @ Ledo's @ 6pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- Blessing of the Backpacks @ 8am & 10:30am
- Choir Rehearsal Resumes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

• Youth Group Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

• Guppy Gulch @ 9:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Episcopal School Sunday
- Neuro-Spicy @ 1:30pm

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

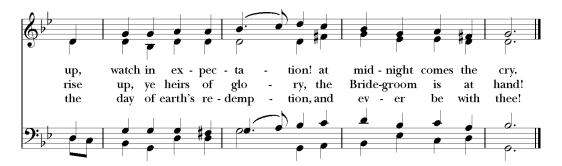
The church office will be open Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm.

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM Prelude

The people stand.





Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Egbwys yng Nghymru, 1865

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

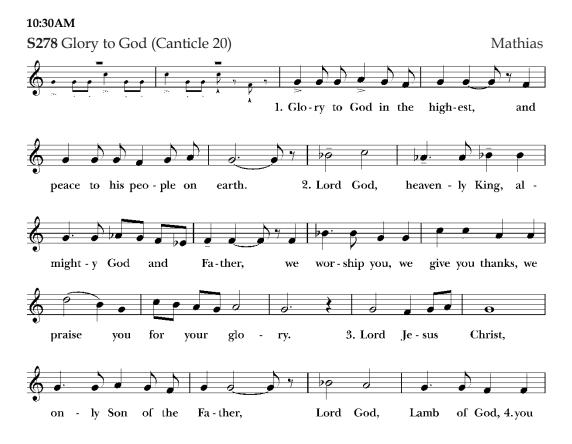
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

8AM Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.





Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,

you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,

you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,

or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.

- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector A reading from a letter written to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

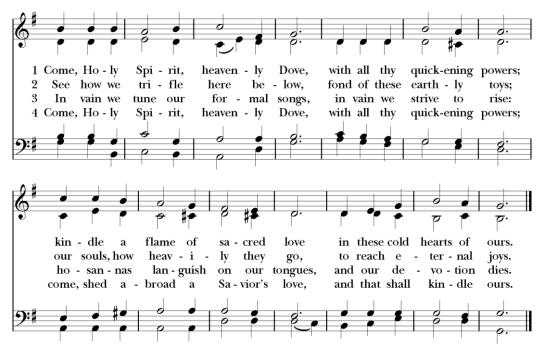
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn #510

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Saint Agnes, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12:32-40)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon With the Lord's encouraging words resounding in our hearts, let us

frame again the prayers which linger in all human hearts, saying:

Hear us, O Lord.

We are weary of war and threats of war. Let us pray for peace in our

world, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We fear for our children. Let us pray for all children, their health and well-being, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We are anxious about our security. Let us pray for an end to hunger and want, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We yearn for faith in an uncertain world. Let us pray for all who preach the gospel, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord

We tremble at our own vulnerability. Let us pray for the victims of illness, accident, and disaster, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We mourn for those who have died. Let us pray for those who are now in the nearer presence of our Lord, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We carry worry in our hearts. Let us pray for the needs we can hardly bear to name, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

We pray especially for Christina, Alan, Etta, Phillip, Ivy, Mary Faith, Steve, Celeste, and Mary, and those who are on our hearts and minds, saying,

People Hear us, O Lord.

Officiant Loving God, our Father, you fashioned the human heart; you know the needs that make it ache. Hear us, your children, praying as your Son taught us. His is the name we invoke; his is the kingdom we await: Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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Anthem

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

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.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Celebrant continues.

8AM

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

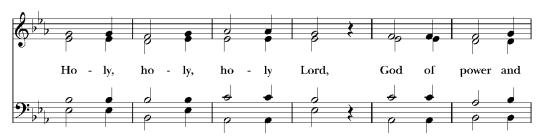
Hosanna in the highest.

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

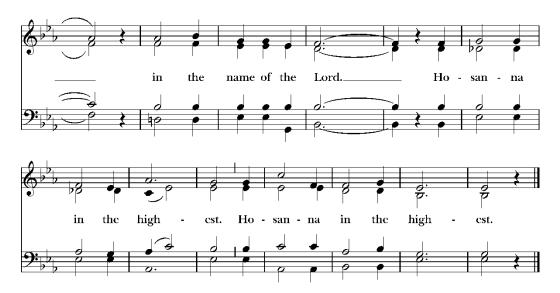
Hosanna in the highest.

10:30AM Sanctus 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx







Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, dishonored one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us,

he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with beloved John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.

Onze Vader, die in de hemel zijt, uw naam worde geheiligd.
Uw rijk kome,
Uw wil geschiede,
op aarde zoals in de hemel.
Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood,
en vergeef ons onze schuld,
zoals ook wij aan anderen hun schuld vergeven.
En leid ons niet in bekoring,
maar verlos ons van het kwade.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

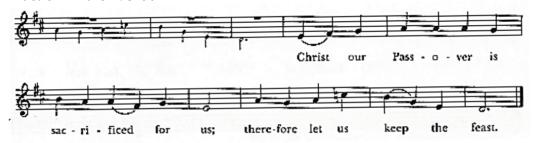
A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: S156



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. For health reasons, we do not instinct (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.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing

these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread

and one cup.

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

Hymn #635

If thou but trust



Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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>

Alan Soukup Etta MacKay Phillip White Ivy Choe-Branstetter Mary Faith Almasi Steve Ruff Celeste McGee Mary Persinger



This Sunday's altar flowers are in loving memory of a husband, dad, and grandpa,

WALTER OESCH

Love the Oesch and Bauduy families

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

• WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S @ LEDO'S

All women of St. John's are invited to connect and fellowship at Ledo's Pizza in Olney on Monday, August 18th at 6 pm. Deacon Nancy will be with us to share her experience from her recent weekend stay at the Maryland Women's prison.

"HANG OUT" FORUM

As we take time to rest and share fellowship, we invite you to join the Forum Group Sunday mornings in August to "Hang Out" for a time to talk and refresh. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:10am in the Meeting Room in-person or on ZOOM.

BACK PACK BLESSING

Students, Moms and Dads, please join us on Sunday, August 24th as we bless backpacks, totes, and bags that will contain work to be done, books to be studied, notebooks, pencils, and pens. Please invite a friend and join us at the 8 or 10:30am service as we bring these school and work bags before God for a blessing.

GUPPY GULCH

Come Splash with us at Guppy Gulch and spend a fun-soaked day on the water on Monday, September 1st (Labor Day) 9:30am to 4:45pm. Guppy Gulch is a 5-acre Freshwater Reservoir with inflatable slides, zipline, climbing walls, paddleboards, and jungle-gym for all ages. Bring your lunch and join the fun. Cost is \$27 per person / \$10 for non-swimmer. See Friday's Bell Tower to sign-up.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Beef Stew | Chili | Manwich | Fresh Stack Crackers | Pasta Sauce | Dried Pasta | Canned White Beans Hearty Soups | Canned Vegetables | Jelly | Cereal (individual) | Meal Helpers.

Please leave donations on the bench outside the Rector's office; we are happy to stock them.



PARISH PICNIC

Save the date and plan to join us on September 7th for our annual Parish Picnic. The picnic is being catered by Origins BBQ. The menu will consist of brisket, pulled pork, chicken legs/thighs, and Mac-n-Cheese along with an array of sauces. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by St. John's.

It costs nothing to attend and everyone, family and friends are welcome to join the fun!

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