

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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 10, 2026

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 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

## SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9:15am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

## COME JOIN US

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### **TODAY**

- Mother's Day

### **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- Middle & High School Youth Group @ 12pm
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween's Faith Club Meeting @ 2-3pm

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

- Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

- Pentecost Service & International Potluck Brunch
- Middle & High School Youth Group @ 12pm

### **MONDAY, MAY 25**

- Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

- 2026 Graduates Honoring
- Middle & High School Youth Group @ 12pm

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

- Middle & High School Youth Group @ 12pm
- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm

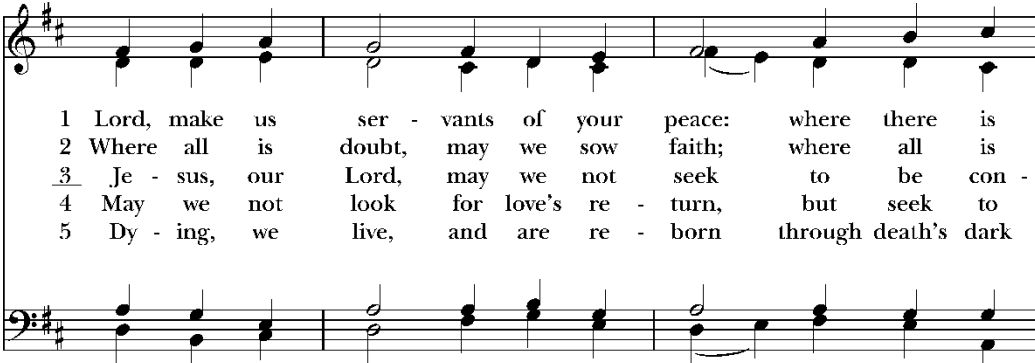
# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM  
Prelude

*The people stand.*

10:30AM  
Hymn #593

Lord make us servants of your peace



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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*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.**

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.**

10:30AM

Glory to God in the Highest

Malcolm Archer

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 Glo ry to God in the high est, and peace to his peo ple on  
 earth. Lord God, heaven ly King, al migh ty God and  
 Fath er, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo ry.  
 Lord Je sus Christ, on ly Son of the Fath er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a way the sin of the world: have mer cy on us; you are

seat ed\_ at the\_ right hand of the Fath er:\_\_\_ re ceive our\_  
 prayer.\_\_\_\_\_ For you a lone are the Ho ly One,\_\_\_  
 you a lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High,\_\_\_  
 Je sus Christ,\_\_\_ with the Ho ly\_\_\_ Spi rit, in the glo ry of God the\_  
 Fath er. A men, A men.\_\_\_\_\_

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

*The people are seated.*

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

## A reading from the first letter of Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## Hymn #488

Be thou vision, O Lord of my heart



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:15-21)

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord  
**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**

**Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who**  
**are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For **Maxwell, Jere, Harry, Andrew, Aurora, Carole, Ivy, Steve, and Mary.**

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*People* **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The people may add their own thanksgiving silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People*      **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

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

*Silence*

*During Eastertide, by tradition, our worship does not include the corporate confession. This is not to say we do not sin, or that we no longer need to confess; rather, the celebration of Eastertide overwhelms our worship, so the act of corporate confession is silent for this period. The confession will return to regular worship with the celebration of Pentecost. The confession also remains a part of the Daily Office.*



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**Anthem:** Around You, O Lord Jesus

Keesecker

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C**

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:

8AM

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

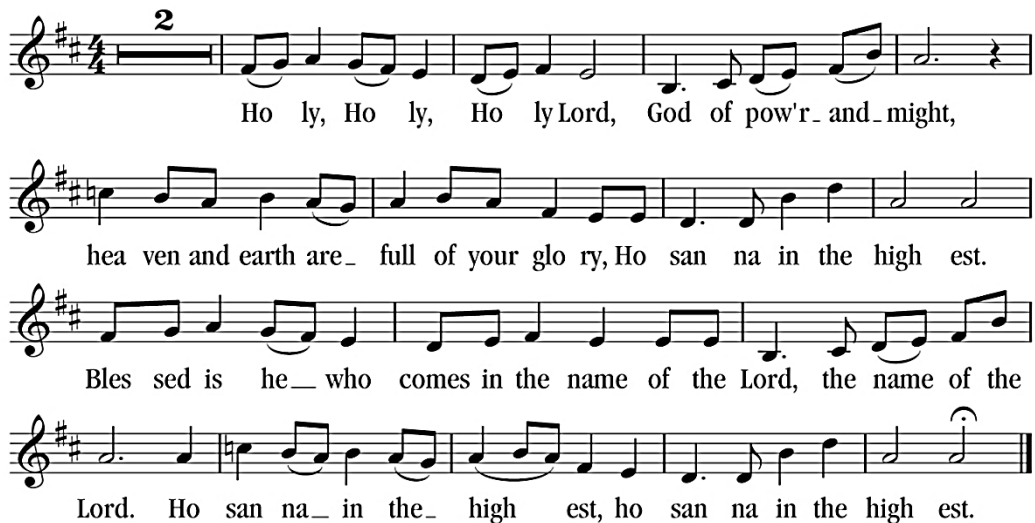
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Malcolm Archer



Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r\_ and\_ might,  
hea ven and earth are\_ full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.  
Bles sed is he\_ who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the  
Lord. Ho san na\_ in the\_ high est, ho san na in the high est.

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 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." 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,  
**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.

**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 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,**

**Πάτερ ημών, ο εν τοις ουρανοις,  
αγιασθήτω το όνομά σου,  
ελθέτω η βασιλεια σου,  
γενηθήτω το θέλημά σου,  
ως εν ουρανώ, και επί της γης.  
Άρτον ημών τον επιούσιον δός ημιν  
σήμερον. Και συγχώρησε ημιν τας  
αμαρτίας ημών, ως ημεις  
συγχωρούμεν τους αμαρτωλούς  
ημών. Και μη εισάγεις ημάς εις  
πειρασμόν, αλλά λύτρωσον ημάς  
από του πονηρού. Διότι σου εστι η  
βασιλεια, και η δύναμις και η δόξα,  
εις τους αιώνας των αιώνων. Αμήν**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Malcolm Archer

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have  
mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you  
take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon  
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world; grant us your 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 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. 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.*

### **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**

Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant and people.*

**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 Saviour 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**

# Hymn #409

# The spacious firmament on high

*Unison or harmony*

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,  
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,  
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,  
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,  
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth sound  
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim,  
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day  
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;  
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land  
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll  
 for ev - er sing - ing, as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.  
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.  
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer*, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

## Dismissal

*People* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*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](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org)*

Maxwell A.

Jere Rowland

Harry Brooke

Andrew Erickson

Aurora

Carole

Ivy Choe-Branstetter

Steve Ruff

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](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*



*Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of all  
WOMEN AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
for their loving support and care of many with heartfelt gratitude.*

*Given by Mathy Downing*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **2026 GRADUATES HONORED**

If you are, or your child is, being promoted to Elementary, Middle, or High School, or graduating from college, or with an advanced degree, please share that information with Mo. Shivaun so that we may recognize the achievement.

- **INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

Join us this summer for a reading journey across generations! We will be exploring stories from Lois Lowry's acclaimed series, often called The Giver Quartet. Meeting dates and books are as follows: July 5 - *The Giver*; July 19 - *Gathering Blue*; August 2 - *Messenger*; August 16 - *Son*. Come ready to share your thoughts, listen to others, and connect through literature.

- **CASSEROLE CLUB MEETING**

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." If you are carrying the grief of losing a loved one, whether recently or long ago—we invite you to join us on Sunday, May 17 at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are gathering where all are welcome. Feel free to invite others, drop-ins are always welcome.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Shelf Stable Milk (large) | Canned Corn, Tomatoes, Carrots | Chef Boyardee | Pudding | Cake Mix & Frosting | Cereal (small) | White Rice (1lb) | Water | Chunky Soup.

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



# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

## 8am & 10:30am



**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BRUNCH**  
~ following the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall ~

**Please bring a dish that represents your country of origin or cultural heritage to share, and wear red in celebration of Pentecost.**



## Mother's Day Prayer

*Almighty God, we raise before you this day,  
a day named to remember and honor mothers.*

*With it, we raise those who celebrate today and those who grieve,  
those for whom this day brings joy and gratitude  
and for whom it brings sorrow and pain.*

*God bless those who are pregnant or new mothers.*

*God bless those in the blessing and turmoil of raising children  
towards adulthood and those who have or will have  
emptier nests in the upcoming year.*

*God bless stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers,  
mentor mothers, and spiritual mothers.*

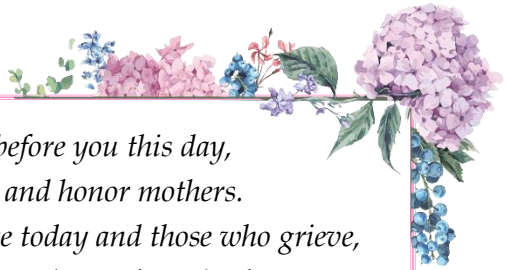
*But also, God, shield those for whom this day brings pain –  
those who find or have found the mothering relationship complex,  
problematic or abusive, those who have lost their mother  
or lost their child, those who have the pain of a miscarriage,  
failed adoptions, estrangement, the heartache of infertility,  
those who placed children up for adoption  
and for all those who want to be mothers but are not.*

*Give us the grace to love each other and be in the midst  
of the plethora of emotions, without finding someone else's feelings  
invalid or as a judgment on our own.*

*Help us love one another as they need to be loved  
and send your Holy Spirit to nurture and bless us all  
as we reflect on motherhood.*

*All this we pray in Christ's name,*

*Amen.*



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