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

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 22

Sunday, October 5, 2025 8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



 $"Mulberry\ Tree"\ by\ Vincent\ van\ Gogh$

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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.

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8am	Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary
9am	Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room
9:45am	Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall
10:30am	Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary

COME JOIN US

TODAY

- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Animal Blessing @ 1:30–3pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Neuro-Spicy Group @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Office CLOSED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Group Meeting @ 1pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12pm
- Stewardship In-Gathering

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM Prelude

The people stand.





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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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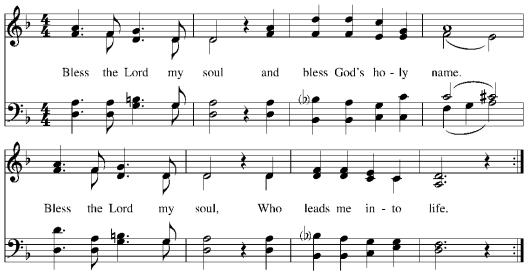
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you 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.

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10:30AM

WLP 825 Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier



Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lector A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city

that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,

with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers

she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering

and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her

in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn,

for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate,

her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,

and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters,

her enemies prosper,

because the LORD has made her suffer

for the multitude of her transgressions;

her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

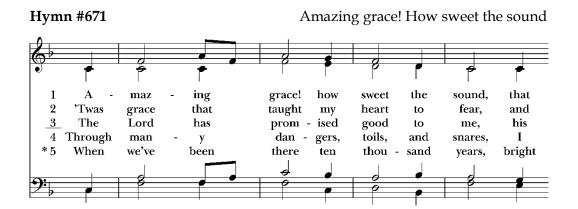
I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.





The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:5-10)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

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.

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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 Kent, Terra, Bob, Carol, David, Kim, 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: How can I keep from singing Burkhardt

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

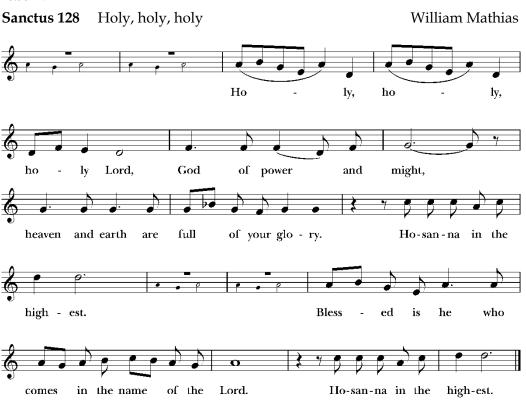
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

10:30AM



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

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.

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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.**

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.

Ojcze Nasz, któryś jest w niebiesiech, święć się imię twoje; przyjdż królestwo twoje, bądż wola twoja, jako w niebie tak i na ziemi. Chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj, i odpuść nam nasze winy, jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom. I nie wódż nas w pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode złego. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

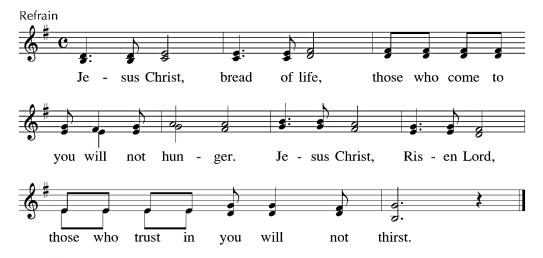
A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



Text: John 6; Taizé Community Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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. 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





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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>

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Steve Ruff
Celeste McGee
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

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE HOUR

All new to St. John's are invited to join Clergy and Vestry for a special Newcomer's Coffee Hour TODAY immediately following the 10:30am service. This is your opportunity to meet other newcomers, get to know our clergy and vestry members, ask questions, learn about the church and its ministries, and discover ways to get involved.

ANIMAL BLESSING

All furry, and feathered friends are invited to St. John's for a special driveby animal blessing THIS afternoon from 1:30-3pm. Drive around the church circle, stop at the church's red doors where clergy will be stationed and waiting to bless your companions.

CASSEROLE CLUB

Grieving the loss of a loved one? You're not alone. Join the Casserole Club—an informal, come-as-you-are gathering of individuals united by shared experiences of loss. It's a safe, supportive space for connection, conversation, and comfort. Sunday, October 19th at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Drop-ins welcome.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Fruit Cups | Peanut Butter Taco Kits | Rice | Ramen Noodles | Shelf Stable Milk (small) | Water Meal Helpers.

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



ENTER YOUR BEST CHIL

CHILL COOK-OFF

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 4:30 - 7pm

ATTENTION ALL COOKS!

Time to tie on your aprons and get cooking!

Cook up your best batch of chili and ioin us for the Chili Cook-off.

Fundraiser to support St. John's Community Ministries

Registration, volunteer opportunities, ticket information and details coming soon!

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