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

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Sunday, June 22, 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

TODAY

- Community Sunday
- Parish History Discussion @ 12pm
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- T'weens Faith Club Meeting @ 4-5pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

• Women of St. John's Luncheon @ 12:30pm ~ Montgomery Country Club

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 6

- > Hospitality Sunday
- Newcomers Coffee Hour

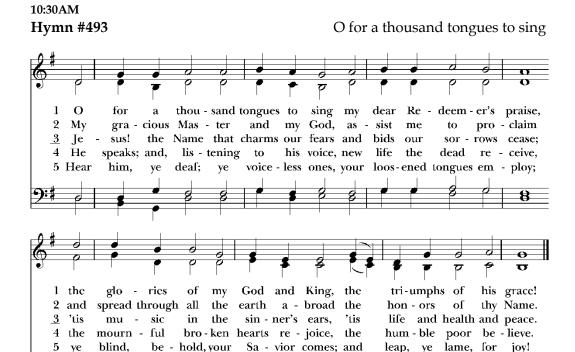
CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM Prelude

The people stand.



 6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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 S278 Glory to God (Canticle 20)

Mathias





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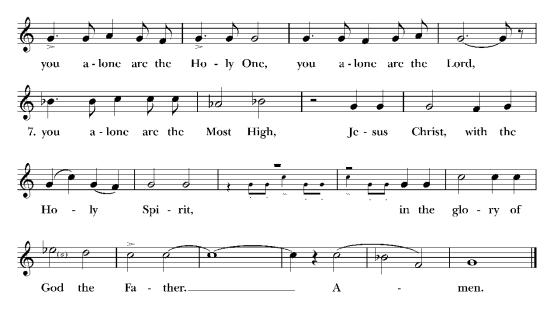
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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.

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Lector A reading from the first book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an

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earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 43

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; * deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? * and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; * and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Galatians 3:23-29

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

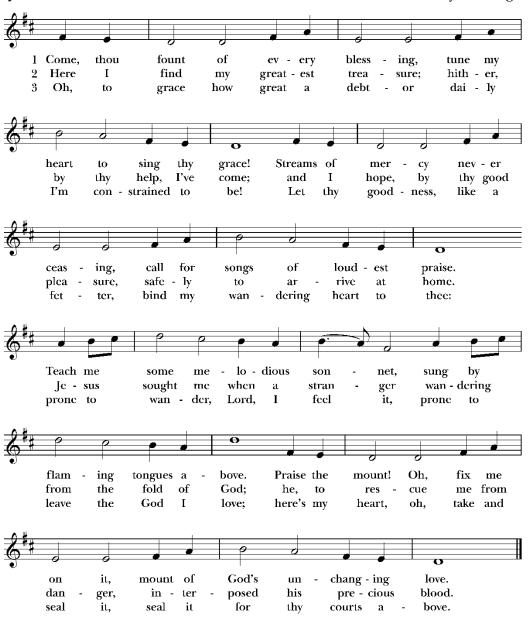
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn #686

Come thou font of every blessing



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (8:26-39) People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent

him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

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.

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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 Let us bring our needs to the God of glory, who has come close to us in Jesus Christ.

That all who serve the community of believers will live in the Lord's presence through their ministry, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That nations and people will live in the Lord's presence through their commitment to peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer from neglect and abuse will live in the Lord's presence through our words and deeds of compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those for whom we pray, especially, **The Hast Family**, **Christina**, **Alan**, **Etta**, **Phillip**, **Kim**, **Ivy**, **Mary Faith**, **Steve**, **Celeste**, **and Mary**, will live in the Lord's presence through God's strength and healing grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those who have died will live in the Lord's presence through sharing Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That we will live in the Lord's presence through God's gifts to us in this Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Officiant Generous God, as Jesus taught us, we knock on the door of your mercy, and seek your good gifts for body, soul, and spirit. Give us what you have inspired us to ask of your in faith, through Jesus Christ our 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.**

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The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



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Anthem: En Batean Debussy

During the months of June and July our Eucharistic Prayers will reflect the specific readings for each week. We invite you to listen to, rather than read, the prayers. This will also permit you to focus on the bread and the wine during these prayers. Lift your eyes towards the altar and hear our prayers to God.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

Samuel Wells

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.

The Celebrant continues.

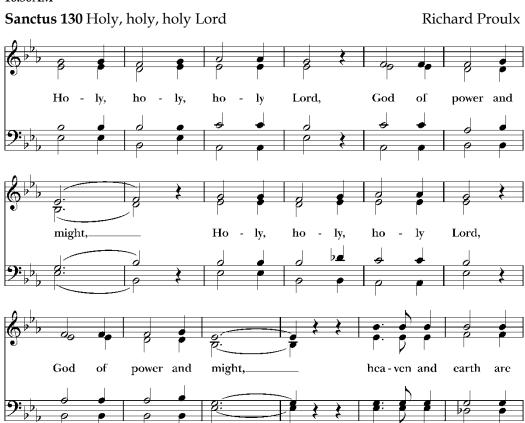
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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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







The Celebrant continues.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Celebrant continues.

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.

Notre Père, qui est aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.

Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.

Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du Mal.

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 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

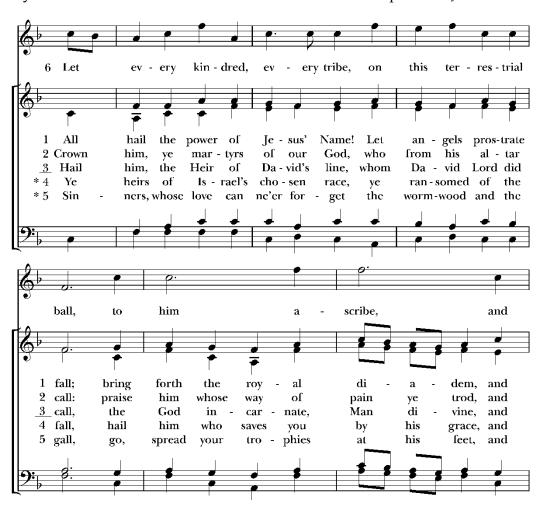
Celebrant Let us pray.

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





6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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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>

The Hast Family
Christina
Alan Soukup
Etta MacKay
Phillip White
Kim Irish
Ivy Choe-Branstetter
Mary Faith Almasi
Steve Ruff
Celeste McGee
Mary Persinger



This Sunday's altar flowers are given by the Hast, Arata, & Polesnak families in memory of DALE HAST

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.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

4 Nights of Dinner | 4 Nights of Bible Study 4 Nights of Games, Crafts, Activities & Discussions www.stjec.org



This year's Vacation Bible School runs from Sunday, July 27th to Wednesday, July 30th from 6 to 8:30pm. This is an intergenerational VBS and is open to ALL ages. Cost is \$75 per family and includes dinner every evening, instruments, crafts and games, and an adult only time of reflection and Bible study. To register, visit www.stjec.org.

CASSEROLE CLUB

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, whether you lost them recently or in the distant past, the Casserole Club welcomes you to gather with other mourners on for an information, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of loss TODAY at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH HISTORY DISCUSSION CONTINUES

We continue the discussions of St. John's Parish history TODAY at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us in the discussions.

FORUM & HOLY HOUSEHOLD MUSIC FORMATION

Exploring the many genres of music and how they intersect with our faith – Sunday mornings through July 27th at 9am in the Parish Hall. To join by ZOOM, see Friday's Bell Tower for the ZOOM link.

• FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Canned Chicken | Red Beans | Dried Potatoes | Taco Kits | Shelf Stable Milk (small) | Water | Rice | Canned Chili | Spaghetti Sauce.

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

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