

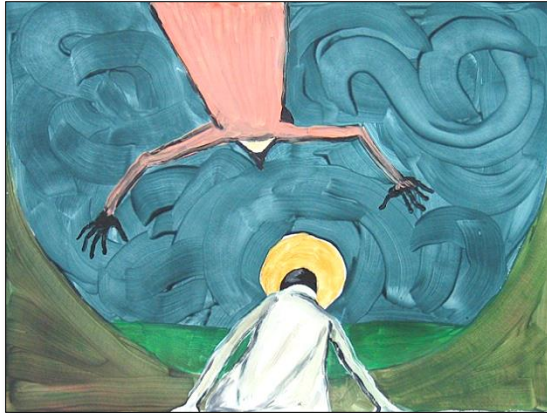
**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



"Jesus Tempted" by Chris Cook

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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	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
8:45am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:30am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1:30pm	<i>Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space downstairs</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Faith Club @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

MONTHLY SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

1st Sunday | Hospitality Sunday offers an “extra special” Coffee Hour sponsored by our Vestry where parishioners, new and old get to know the church and each other.

2nd Sunday | Formation Sunday includes time set aside for discussions pulled from the papers or our community to help put tangible action behind “Love Thy Neighbor, No Exceptions.”

3rd Sunday | Pastoral Care Sundays offers healing prayers during the Eucharist at both services as well as the opportunity to create cards for those on our Prayer List.

4th Sunday | Community Ministry Sundays offers the opportunity to serve our larger community.

HOLY EUCHARIST

*In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics"
please enter in silence and allow the music to begin your worship experience.*

10:30AM

Prelude: Prelude on "O Waly Waly"

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The people stand.

10:30AM

Hymn #635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Kneel as you are able.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and people.

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 people stand.

8AM

Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

WLP 837 Kyrie eleison

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for the vocal soloist, with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e c - lei - son." written below the notes. The second system is for the choir, with the lyrics "Chris - te c - lei - son. Ky - ri - e c - lei - son." written below the notes. The music is in a 3/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn #121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:1-13)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

Reflective Music

In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics" enjoy the music, or the silence, and take a moment to reflect on the sermon.

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 In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the people of God, that we may be led by the Spirit to hunger for God's holy Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the peoples and nations of the world, and for those in authority, that power and glory lead us in the way of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who are afflicted and oppressed, that God will open our ears so we hear their cry, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For this community, that we may believe in our hearts and confess with our lips, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

For our own needs and those of others especially, **Brian, Julie, Lois, Steve, Kim, Melissa & Don, Carolyn, Ron, Celeste, Paula, Mary Helen, Jere, and Mary**, that God is walking with us, will hear us in our need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Officiant Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



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The people stand.

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

People Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

Sanctus WLP 850

Dimmock

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

Music: Jonathan Dimmock (b. 1957), from *Missa Appalachia*. Copyright © 1996 Jonathan Dimmock.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los
cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día
y perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que líbranos del malo.
Amen.**

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. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

10:30AM

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

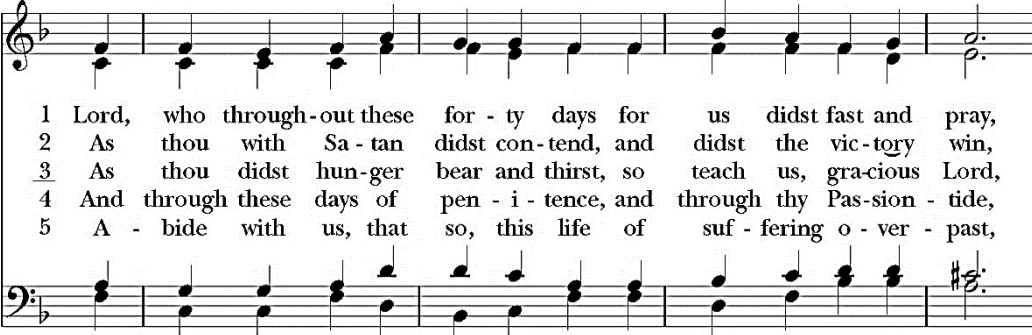
The people stand.

Celebrant and people.

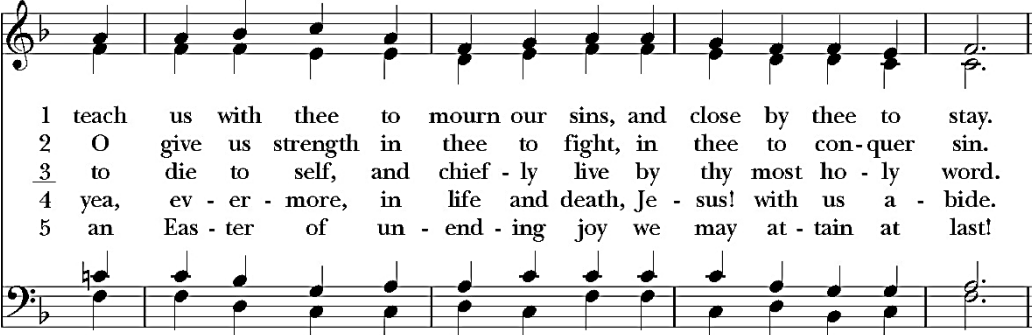
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn #142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In keeping with our seasonal theme of "Back to Basics" we invite you to enjoy and experience the music as a time of reflection.

Postlude: Reflections on "St. Flavian"

Van de Vaarst

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 pastoralcare@stjec.org

Brian Soukup
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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



- **LENTEN EVENING PRAYER AND A MEAL OF SOUP AND BREAD**
Mark your Lenten journey and join us every Wednesday evening through Lent for fellowship with a simple meal of bread and soup at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall followed by the beautiful service of evening Prayer at 7:30pm.
- **CASSEROLE CLUB MEETING**
Gather with other mourners at the Casserole Club meeting on Sunday, March 16th at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss. Drop-ins always welcome.
- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**
Food Pantry needs for this week include: Canned Beef Stew | Taco Kits
Pudding Cups | Red Beans | Garbanzo Beans | Baked Beans | Water.
Please leave donated items on the bench outside the Rector's office. We are happy to stock your items.



2nd Sundays Each Month
1:30PM

NEURO-SPICY:

CELEBRATING THE GOOD, THE HARD, AND THE RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTING NEURODIVERSE INDIVIDUALS IN OUR HOUSEHOLDS AND PARISH.

Open to all caregivers and/or neurodiverse people to share, over tea and snacks, experiences, struggles, and support within the Biblical framework of our diversity being a gift.

- **NEURO-SPICY**

The term “neurodivergent” describes people whose brain differences affect how their brain works. That means they have different strengths and challenges from people whose brains don’t have those differences.

St. John’s now offers parishioners, friends or family members who share lives with a neurodivergent person the opportunity to discuss resources, struggles, and successes. This opportunity comes the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. The next meeting is TODAY at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Drop-ins are welcome! If you would like to attend and would be interested in childcare, please contact Mo. Shivaun.

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