

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

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14 Year C**

**August 11, 2019**

**8 & 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist**



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**W**elcome! 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. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry or Mother Shivaun.

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**Children are welcome at all services.**

Child care is available for infants and children through Pre-K Sunday mornings 8:30 – 11:30am in room 106, in the church undercroft.

While most of our service is written down and can be followed in the bulletin or prayer book, the sermon is not, so if little ones become impatient, or need to regroup, the solarium is a quiet space where you can go and still hear the service or sermon.

Adult Forum Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall



Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour and fellowship following each worship service.

This Sunday's Coffee Hour is hosted by  
Parish Life

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy,  
and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

**10AM**

Noel Nouvelet

Michael Bedford

**10AM**

Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

*The congregation stands.*

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

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*)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

The Absolution

**8AM**

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.

**10AM**

Hymn of Praise 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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

*The People are seated.*

### **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

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

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

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

bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

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

Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

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

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

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*People*                      The Word of the Lord  
                                    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24**

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

- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

### **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

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

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

descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

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

*People*                    The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 676\*

There is a balm in Gilead

### **Luke 12:32-40**

*People*                    The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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

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

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



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

### Sermon

*The Congregation stands*

### The Nicene Creed

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**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 III

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for, **Martyn, Donald, Jerry, Pam, Bill, Judith, Tom, Janet, Betsy, June, Chris, Michael, Ron, Mac, Nancy.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

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*The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

**10AM**

Offertory Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

## **The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP, Page 367**

*The people stand. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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

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

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

*The following Preface may be used at any time.*

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**8AM**  
**Said**

**10AM**

Sanctus and Benedictus, S 125

Robert Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God,...

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...

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, we are bold to say,

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**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

### Post Communion Prayer

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**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**

### 10AM

Closing Hymn 637

How firm a foundation

### The Dismissal

Organ Music: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Aaron David Miller

\* This hymn is from the Favorite Hymn list

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

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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. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please contact the office administrator at [administrator@stjec.org](mailto:administrator@stjec.org). In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301/774-3619 or email [rector@stjec.org](mailto:rector@stjec.org) or [mothershivaun@icloud.com](mailto:mothershivaun@icloud.com)*

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Judith  
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Betsy O'Neill  
June Thompson  
Chris Prinz  
Michael Cronin  
Ron Blackburn  
Mac Angell  
Rev. Nancy Soukup



*Altar flowers are given in appreciation of and in thanksgiving of our wonderful VBS volunteers and to the Glory of God*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*This morning in worship we welcome guest organist Barbara Bulger Verdile*

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**HANDBELL PETTING ZOO** - Are you interested in learning more about ringing handbells? Come to a hands-on demonstration in the music transept of the church on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, and we are beginning the work of equipping and scheduling our Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please email Mo. Shivaun+ at [associate@stjec.org](mailto:associate@stjec.org).

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**HOLLY HARVEST BAZAAR UPDATE** - Holly Harvest now has over 26 Vendors confirmed and still have space for more! If you know if any local artists or crafters who might be interested in the bazaar, please have them contact Johnna at [johnnabenson@gmail.com](mailto:johnnabenson@gmail.com).

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**AFRICAN PALMS** - African Palms is open to quality control volunteers from 9am to Noon on Tuesday mornings. Arrive anytime for fellowship and quality control of the palm crosses - (snipping loose ends and tying bundles into bunches of 25). Although childcare is not provided, children are always welcome as the nursery is next to the African Palms room.

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** - Children are invited to bring their backpacks or book bags to church on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to have them blessed. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge the beginning of a new school year and recognize the importance of learning.

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**AFRICAN PALMS WALK FOR WATER SAVE THE DATE!** African Palms Annual Walk for Water is October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Registration for the walk is now OPEN! For more information, to register, or for volunteer opportunities, please visit African Palms website at [www.africanpalmsusa.org](http://www.africanpalmsusa.org). SAVE the date! Walk with us so they don't have to.

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**VESTRY**

Stephen Simpson 2020 - *Warden/Education*

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Glen Drew 2020 - *Stewardship*

Selva Selvarajah 2021 - *Parish Life*

Bruce Hohl 2022 - *Worship*

Sheri Hall 2022 - *Treasurer*

Diana Mayhew 2020 - *Mission Outreach*

Aparna Williams 2021 - *Communications/Warden*

Doug Perkins 2022 - *Evangelism*

Julia Metcalf 2022 - *Pastoral Care/Registrar*

**SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM . 10AM . 5PM**