

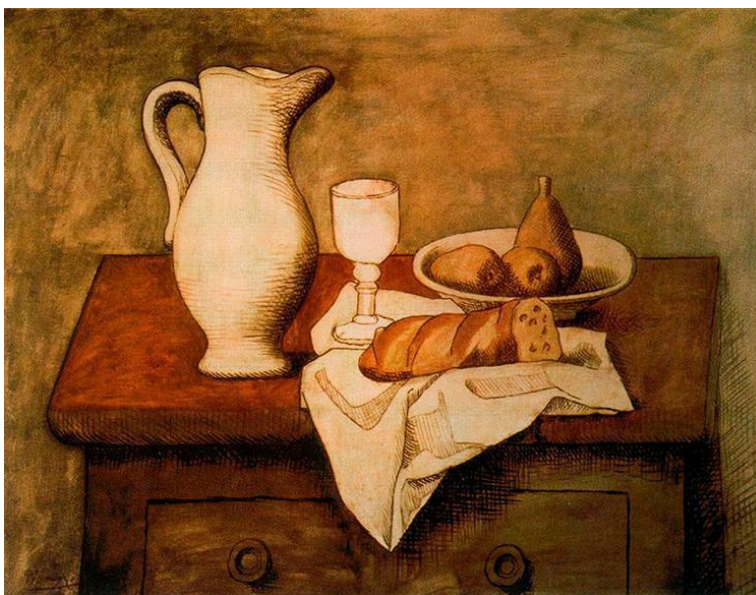
**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 14**

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

**8:00am & 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.*

*If you have questions, email us at [welcome@stjec.org](mailto:welcome@stjec.org)*



## **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 some 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 &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room – Summer Break</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall - Summer Break</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group – Summer Break</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir – Summer Break</i>

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE:** Ashokan Farel

J. Ungar/Mason

*The people stand.*

### Opening Hymn 48

All who hunger gather gladly

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999); st. 4, ver. *Hymnal* 1982. St. 3, Copyright © 1982, Charles P. Price. St. 4, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934).

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
People And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

8:00AM  
Gloria

BCP, pg. 356

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

Glo-ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

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Text: Taizé Community, 1978  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

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.**

*People are seated.*

### **2 Samuel 18:-5-9, 15, 31-33**

Reader        A READING FROM THE PROPHET SAMUEL

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom."

And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

## PSALM 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
    Lord, hear my voice; \*  
    let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
    O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
    therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
    in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
    more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
    more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**EPHESIANS 4: 25-5:2**

Reader A READING FROM SAINT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN  
EPHESUS.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

*The People stand*



## Sequence: Hymn 341

## For the bread which you have broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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Deacon            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Religious Leaders began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

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 BCP, pg. 387

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

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially  
Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe.  
People      **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;  
People      **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

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

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

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

We pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray  
especially for **Craig, Jere, Bud, Carolyn, Gemma, Blaine,  
Roberta, Harry, Tim, Mary, Joseph.**

The priest offers a concluding collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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



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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, pg. 367

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues*

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

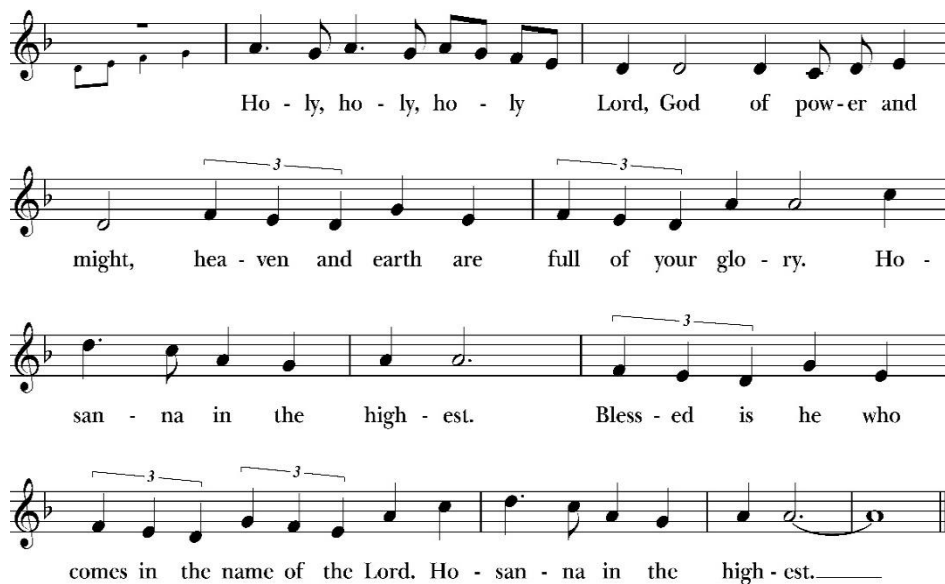
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and  
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever  
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

8:00AM

**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 S129



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

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to B-flat. The melody is primarily eighth and quarter notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes 'heaven', 'full', and 'comes'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre, venga  
tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la  
tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy  
nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona  
nuestras ofensas, como también  
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos  
ofenden. No nos dejes caer en  
tentación y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**8:00AM**

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

10:30AM

Fraction Hymn:

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to  
you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,  
those who trust in you will not thirst.

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## The Gifts of God for the People of God

*This is God's table; 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. For health reasons, we do not intinct (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.*

*The people are seated*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

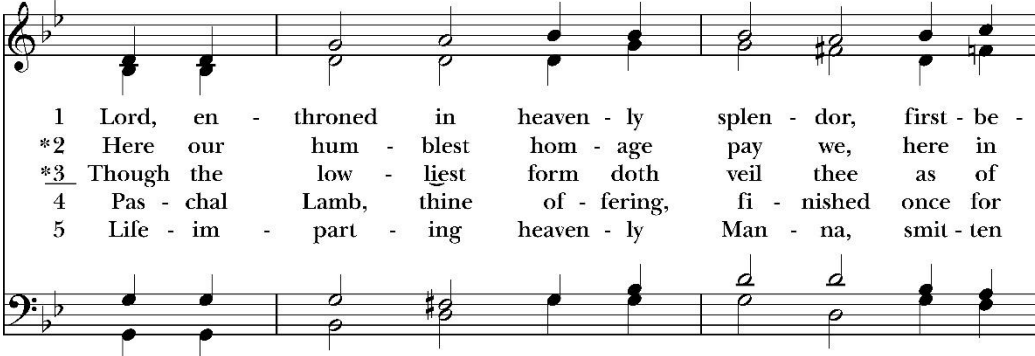
*Celebrant and people*

**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.**

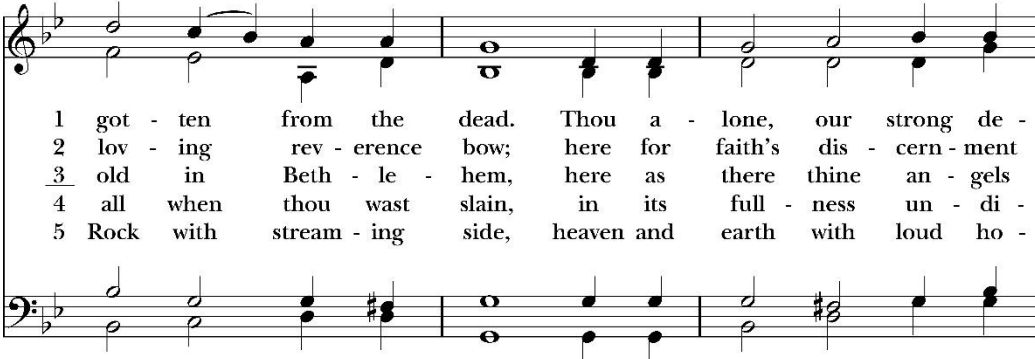
**The Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -



1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Fantasie in C Minor

J.S.Bach

Today we welcome Bill Stief as organist.

## 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).*

Craig Grayson  
Jere Rowland  
Bud Nicholson  
Carilyn Shepherd  
Gemma  
Blaine Baldwin  
Robert Ridenour  
Harry Brooke  
Tim Wittig  
Mary Persinger  
Joseph Sears

*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).*

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **Sunday, August 11**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

### **Sunday, August 18**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Casserole Club at 12:00pm

### **Sunday, August 25**

- Backpack Blessing at 8:00 and 10:30am
- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal at 1:00-1:30pm

### **Sunday, September 1**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum -Bible Challenge Celebration at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS ~ MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9AM TO 2PM**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**GUPPY GULCH** Church Splash Outing on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Labor Day) from 9:30am to 4:45pm at Guppy Gulch, a 15-acre freshwater reservoir with inflatable slides, climbing walls, zip line, paddleboards, and jungle-gyms for ALL to enjoy. Cost is \$27 per person, \$10 for a non-swimmer, payable to St. John's (Guppy Gulch on memo line) or through the church website. This is an ALL CHURCH outing, and friends are welcome to join the group. We have reserved only 60 spots. You must provide or arrange your own transportation to Guppy Gulch, 95 Guppy Valley, Delta, PA. See Friday's Bell Tower to sign up.

**PANTRY** Food Pantry needs for this week include: Beef Stew | White Rice 1 Pound | Shelf Stable Milk | Pudding Cups | Sardines | Small Apples | Water.

**ADULT FORUM** For the upcoming year, St. John's will explore prayer as the central theme of our educational programs. The Adult Forum will kick off our study of prayer with the book "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson. During his time leading a congregation in Maryland, he recognized the necessity of merging prayer and Scripture—what he termed prayerscripture or scriptureprayer. He stated, "It is this fusion of God speaking to us (Scripture) and our speaking to God (prayer) that the Holy Spirit uses to form the life of Christ in us. The discussions each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. promise to be engaging—COME AND JOIN US!



# BACKPACK BLESSING

## SUNDAY AUGUST 25 8 & 10:30am

### BACKPACKS

All students are invited to bring their back packs to church on Sunday, August 25th @ 8 or 10:30am for a special blessing for the new school year.

### CASSEROLE CLUB

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? The Casserole Club invites you to gather with them for an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

### YOUTH CHOIR

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join St. John's Youth Choir. Fall rehearsal begins on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 1:30pm. The group sings at the 10:30am service on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> following four weeks of rehearsal.

# PARISH PICNIC



Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30am service

The annual Parish Picnic is being planned for Sunday, September 8th following the 10:30am service by the school gym/playground area. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be moved to inside the gym.

The picnic will once again be catered by Origins BBQ. This year's menu will consist of brisket, pulled pork, chicken legs/thighs, and Mac-n-Cheese along with an array of sauces. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by St. John's. The picnic is a casual time of fellowship, games, and fun. It cost nothing to attend and everyone, family and friends are welcome to join the fun!

If you are available and would like to help with planning and set-up.  
Please contact Fr. Henry.

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